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Space Force: VP launches plans for sixth military service

Vice President Mike Pence gestures during an event on the creation of a U. S. Space Force, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at the Pentagon.

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Court orders ban on harmful pesticide, says EPA violated law

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Thursday that the Trump administration endangered public health by keeping a widely used pesticide on the market despite extensive scientific evidence that even tiny levels of exposure can harm babies' brains.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to remove chlorpyrifos from sale in the United States within 60 days.

A coalition of farmworkers and environmental groups sued last year after then-EPA chief Scott Pruitt reversed an Obama-era effort to ban chlorpyrifos, which is widely sprayed on citrus fruit, apples and other crops. The attorneys general for several states joined the case against EPA, including California, New York and Massachusetts.

In a split decision, the court said Thursday that Pruitt, a Republican forced to resign earlier this summer amid ethics scandals, violated federal law by ignoring the conclusions of agency scientists that chlorpyrifos is harmful.

"The panel held that there was no justification for the EPA's decision in its 2017 order to maintain a tolerance for chlorpyrifos in the face of scientific evidence that its residue on food causes neurodevelopmental damage to children," Judge Jed S. Rakoff wrote in the court's opinion.



In this May 16, 2018 file photo, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt appears before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on budget on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Michael Abboud, spokesman for acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, said the agency was reviewing the decision. EPA could potentially appeal to the Supreme Court since one member of the three-judge panel dissented from the majority ruling.

Environmental groups and public health advocates celebrated the court's action as a major success.

"Some things are too sacred to play politics with, and our kids top the list," said Erik Olson, senior director of health and food at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The court has made it clear that children's health must come before powerful polluters. This is a victory for parents everywhere who want to feed their kids fruits and

veggies without fear it's harming their brains or poisoning communities."

The attorneys general of California and New York also claimed victory.

"This is one more example of how then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt skirted the law and endangered the health of our children — in this case, all because he refused to curb pesticide levels found in food," Attorney General Xavier Becerra of California said in a statement.

Chlorpyrifos was created by Dow Chemical Co. in the 1960s. It remains among the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the United States, with the chemical giant selling about 5 million pounds domestically each year through its subsidiary Dow

AgroSciences. Dow did not respond to an email seeking comment. In past statements, the company has contended the chemical helps American farmers feed the world "with full respect for human health and the environment."

Chlorpyrifos belongs to a family of organophosphate pesticides that are chemically similar to a chemical warfare agent developed by Nazi Germany before World War II.

As a result of its wide use as a pesticide over the past four decades, traces of chlorpyrifos are commonly found in sources of drinking water. A 2012 study at the University of California at Berkeley found that 87 percent of umbilical-cord blood samples tested from newborn babies contained

detectable levels of the pesticide. Under pressure from federal regulators, Dow voluntarily withdrew chlorpyrifos for use as a home insecticide in 2000. EPA also placed "no-spray" buffer zones around sensitive sites, such as schools, in 2012. In October 2015, the Obama administration proposed banning the pesticide's use on food. A risk assessment memo issued by nine EPA scientists concluded: "There is a breadth of information available on the potential adverse neurodevelopmental effects in infants and children as a result of prenatal exposure to chlorpyrifos."

Federal law requires EPA to ensure that pesticides used on food in the United States are safe for human consumption — especially children, who are typically far more sensitive to the negative effects of poisons.

Shortly after his appointment by President Donald Trump in 2017, Pruitt announced he was reverting the Obama administration effort to ban chlorpyrifos, adopting Dow's position that the science showing chlorpyrifos is harmful was inconclusive and flawed.

The Associated Press reported in June 2017 that Pruitt announced his agency's reversal on chlorpyrifos just 20 days after his official schedule showed a meeting with Dow CEO Andrew Liveris. At the time, Liveris headed a White House manufacturing working group, and his company had written a \$1 million check to help underwrite Trump's inaugural festivities. □



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Pence outlines U.S. Space Force plan for 'next battlefield'

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
WASHINGTON (AP)

Pointing to growing threats and competition from Russia and China, the White House on Thursday announced ambitious plans to create the U.S. Space Force as a sixth, separate military warfighting service by 2020. The proposal taps into the American public's long fascination with space — but with a military focus. The plan faces daunting hurdles and requires congressional approval. Military leaders and experts have questioned the wisdom of launching an expensive, bureaucratic new service branch.

Vice President Mike Pence announced the new force during a Pentagon speech, fleshing out an idea that President Donald Trump has extolled in recent months as he vowed to ensure American dominance in space. Pence described space as a domain that was once peaceful and uncontested but has now become crowded and adversarial.

"Now the time has come to write the next great chapter in the history of our armed forces, to prepare for the next battlefield where America's best and bravest will be called to deter and defeat a new generation of threats to our people, to our nation," Pence said.

Trump marked Pence's announcement with a tweet: "Space Force all the way!"

Pence portrayed the change as a response to foes' potential aggression rather than any offensive U.S. military effort.

Citing Russia and China, he said that for years U.S. adversaries have "pursued

weapons to jam, blind and disable our navigation and communication satellites via electronic attacks from the ground."

"As their actions make clear, our adversaries have transformed space into a warfighting domain already, and the United States will not shrink from this challenge," he said.

In June, the president directed the Pentagon to create a "separate but equal" space force, a complicated and expensive move that could take years to gain Congress' approval and become operational. On Thursday, Pence said the administration will work with Congress on the plan and will outline a budget next year. The last time the U.S. created a new uniformed military service was in 1947, when the Air Force was launched after World War II. It joined the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has endorsed steps to reorganize the military's space-warfighting forces and create a new command, but he previously opposed launching an expensive new service. A new branch of the military would require layers of bureaucracy, military and civilian leaders, uniforms, equipment and an expansive support structure.

Asked about the cost, Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan told reporters the Pentagon doesn't have a number yet but will when the legislative proposal is finished by the end of the year.

"I would assume it's billions," he said. Shanahan said Mattis' opposition to a separate service last year



Vice President Mike Pence, center, is greeted by Deputy Secretary of Defense Pat Shanahan, left, and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis before speaking at an event on the creation of a United States Space Force, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at the Pentagon.

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was rooted in concerns about spending more on overhead while under strict budget caps — implying that those worries may not be as great now.

Deborah James, who served as Air Force secretary for the final three years of the Obama administration, estimated it would be five to 10 years before a separate service would be fully formed.

"Eventually, it'll settle out, but you will go through years of thrashing. And is that thrashing going to slow your momentum or is it going to help you achieve your goals and address the real challenges that we have on our plate?" she said at Brookings Institution last week. "I don't think so. I don't. I wouldn't vote in favor of it."

The military's role in space has been under scrutiny because the United States is increasingly reliant on orbiting satellites that are difficult to protect. Satellites

provide communications, navigation, intelligence and other services vital to the military and the national economy.

U.S. intelligence agencies reported earlier this year that Russia and China were pursuing "nondestructive and destructive" anti-satellite weapons for use during a future war. And there are growing worries about cyberattacks that could target satellite technology, potentially leaving troops in combat without electronic communications or navigation abilities.

The Pentagon proposal delivered to Congress on Thursday lays out plans to consolidate U.S. warfighting space forces and make organizational changes to boost the acquisition and development of technologies.

It says the department will establish a Space Command to develop warfighting operations,

a Space Development Agency to more quickly identify and develop new technologies, a Space Operations Force of leaders and fighters and a new support structure. In the second phase, the Pentagon would combine all the components into the new sixth branch of service. In the meantime, the Space Command would be led by a four-star general, and Pence said a new high-level civilian post — assistant defense secretary for space — would also be created.

"We are glad that the Pentagon is finally taking these steps in enhancing our space strength," Reps. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., and Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., leaders of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, said in a statement. They said the Pentagon report was the start of a "multi-year process that we think will result in a safer, stronger America." □



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Member of Congress, member of corporate board? It's allowed

By **RICHARD LARDNER**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The indictment of Rep. Chris Collins on insider trading charges is drawing new attention to the freedom members of Congress have to serve on corporate boards or to buy and sell stock in industries they're responsible for overseeing. Collins, a New York Republican, has denied any wrongdoing stemming from his involvement with Innate Immunotherapeutics Limited, a biotechnology company based in Sydney, Australia. He was Innate's largest shareholder, holding nearly 17 percent of its shares. He also was a member of the company's board of directors — an arrangement that itself isn't a violation of the law. Yet it's a connection that can create the potential for conflicts of interest.

Members of Congress are not prohibited from serving on corporate boards as long as they don't receive any compensation for doing so.

The thinking behind this exception, which doesn't extend to top-level executive branch officials, is to ensure that lawmakers aren't prevented from accepting positions on the boards of charities or other philanthropic organizations, according to Craig Holman of the nonpartisan advocacy group Public Citizen.

Holman, who lobbies in Washington for stricter government ethics and lobbying rules, noted that lawmakers are often privy to sensitive information before it becomes public. That makes the opportunity for insider trading "very prevalent," he said.

"My own office was



In this July 19, 2016 file photo, Rep. Chris Collins, R-NY, speaks in Cleveland.

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stunned" by Collins' position, said Holman. "Really, they can sit on a board of directors?"

Government ethics lawyer Kathleen Clark said another downside of permitting members of Congress to be on corporate boards is that they may feel a sense of loyalty to the business, spurring them to share information with the company they obtained through government service.

Clark, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis, also challenged the notion that service on non-commercial organizations is inherently altruistic and doesn't come with potential conflicts of interest. Even nonprofits can have an interest in seeing particular legislation passed, she said.

"In almost every situation, the ethics standards members of Congress impose on themselves are more lax than what they require

of high-level executive branch officials," Clark said. Stan Brand, senior counsel at the Washington law firm Akin Gump and former general counsel to the House, said the strength of the laws against insider trading should allay fears about corporate board service by lawmakers. It's irrelevant whether members serve on boards, he said. It's what they do with sensitive information that counts. Brand said the potential distraction of being on a corporate board should be a bigger concern.

"Being a member of Congress is supposed to be a full-time job," he said.

Two New York lawmakers, Democrat Kathleen Rice and Republican Tom Reed, announced Thursday they plan to introduce legislation that would update House rules to prohibit members from serving on the boards of publicly held companies.

"There should never be a doubt in the public's mind to lead them to think their Representative could be corrupted or incriminated because of their stake or position in a private company," Rice and Reed said in a joint statement.

It's difficult to know how many lawmakers have board positions. Each member of Congress files a financial disclosure report each year, but there's no central database where that information is available.

Collins was arrested Wednesday and charged with conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud and making false statements to the FBI. Parallel charges were filed against two other people, including Collins' son. Prosecutors say Rep. Collins got an email from Innate's CEO while attending a picnic last year at the White House that said a trial of a drug the company de-

veloped to treat multiple sclerosis was a clinical failure. They said Collins told his son, who then dumped his stock in the company before the trial results were announced publicly. Several other people also benefited from the inside information.

A law known as the STOCK Act and signed into law by President Barack Obama in April 2012 prevents members of Congress "from trading stocks based on nonpublic information they gleaned on Capitol Hill," according to a White House fact sheet issued at the time. The law also required that members of Congress report certain "investment transactions" within 45 days of making the trade.

But, according to a report Holman issued last year, the law's primary goal was to reduce insider trading by members of Congress, "not reduce stock trading per se."

Public Citizen compiled a database of stock trading activity by U.S. senators three years before the law's passage and three years after. It found that "many individual senators continue to be very active in the stock market and often trade stocks in businesses that they oversee in their official capacity."

For example, the report said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., traded hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock in energy infrastructure businesses while he was a member of the Senate Banking Committee. And Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., traded in natural resources and precious metal stock while on a subcommittee that oversees these industries. □

Meet the newest U.S. citizens: Melania Trump's parents

By **MICHAEL R. SISAK**

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Melania Trump's parents were sworn in as U.S. citizens Thursday.

Viktor and Amalija Knavs, both in their 70s, took the citizenship oath at a special, private ceremony in New York City. The Slovenian immigrants, a former car dealer and textile factory worker, had been living in the U.S. as permanent residents.

The Knavs slipped in and out of a side entrance at a Manhattan federal building flanked by Department of Homeland Security police. They said little other than Viktor telling a reporter "thank you" when she asked how they felt about becoming Americans.

The couple's lawyer said they had "traveled a wonderful journey."

Lawyer Michael Wildes said the Knavs applied for citizenship on their own and didn't get any special treatment. He wouldn't say who sponsored their green cards.

"This golden experiment, these doors that are in America, remain hinged open to beautiful people as they have today," Wildes said.

Amid a bitter debate over immigration — particularly the Trump administration's separation of children from families crossing the border illegally — Wildes said the Knavs' attaining citizen-

ship was "an example of it going right."

Melania Trump, who has been vacationing with her husband in Bedminster, New Jersey, did not accompany her parents.

Her spokeswoman, Stephanie Grisham, declined to comment. She said the first lady's parents "are not part of the administration and deserve privacy."

President Donald Trump in January proposed ending most family-based immigration and replacing it with a skills-based system. The Republican president also called for eliminating a visa lottery program for people from countries under-represented in the U.S. Trump's plan, which Congress has resisted, would limit immigrants like his wife to sponsoring only their spouses and underage children to join them in the U.S., not their parents, adult children or siblings.

Experts estimate those measures would cut legal immigration into the U.S. nearly in half.

Wildes wouldn't say how long the Knavs have lived in the U.S. Under the law, permanent residents must live in the country for at least five years before applying for citizenship.

The Knavs' citizenship ceremony was kept hush-hush at the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building. Security guards and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

workers in offices adorned with President Trump's portrait said they were unaware of anyone being sworn in there on Thursday. New citizens are normally minted on Fridays, they said, and often the ceremonies are held at the federal courthouse across the street.

The Knavs raised Melania, born Melanija, in the rural industrial town of Sevnica while Slovenia was under Communist rule.

She attended high school in the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, and changed her name to Melania Knauss when she started modeling.

She settled in New York in



Viktor and Amalija Knavs listen as their attorney makes a statement in New York, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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1996 and met Trump two years later. They married in 2005.

Viktor Knavs is 74, two years older than his son-in-law. Amalija is 73.

Trump hasn't commented or tweeted about his in-laws' newfound citizenship. Around the same time the

Knavs were completing the ceremony, he was tweeting his rage about the ongoing Russia probe ("an illegally brought Rigged Witch Hunt") and his excitement about plans for a sixth branch of the military ("Space Force all the way!"). □

More than 700,000 foreigners overstayed visas last year

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — More than 700,000 foreigners who were supposed to leave the United States during a recent 12-month period overstayed their visas, the Homeland Security Department said Tuesday. President Donald Trump has focused border security efforts on erecting a multibillion-dollar wall with Mexico. But the latest an-

nual figures underscore how visa overstays are a big driver of illegal immigration. An estimated 40 percent of the roughly 11 million people in the country illegally stayed past their visas.

There were 701,900 visa overstays from October 2016 through September 2017 among visitors who arrived by plane or ship — more than the population of Vermont or Wyoming. □



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For now, Army suspends discharges of immigrant recruits

By **MARTHA MENDOZA** and **GARANCE BURKE**

The U.S. Army has stopped discharging immigrant recruits who enlisted seeking a path to citizenship — at least temporarily.

A memo shared with The Associated Press on Wednesday and dated July 20 spells out orders to high-ranking Army officials to stop processing discharges of men and women who enlisted in the special immigrant program, effective immediately.

It was not clear how many recruits were impacted by the action, and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the memo.

"Effective immediately, you will suspend processing of all involuntary separation actions," read the memo signed by Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Marshall Williams.

The disclosure comes one month after the AP reported that dozens of immigrant enlistees were being discharged or had their contracts cancelled. Some



In this July 3, 2018, file photo, a Pakistani recruit, 22, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army, holds an American flag as he poses for a picture.

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said they were given no reason for their discharge. Others said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them.

Early last month, the Pentagon said there had been no

specific policy change and that background checks were ongoing. And in mid-July the Army reversed one discharge, for Brazilian reservist Lucas Calixto, 28, who had sued. Nonetheless, discharges of other immigrant enlistees continued. Attorneys sought to bring a class action lawsuit last week to offer protec-

tions to a broader group of reservists and recruits in the program, demanding that prior discharges be revoked and that further separations be halted.

A judge's order references the July 20 memo, and asks the Army to clarify how it impacts the discharge status of Calixto and other plaintiffs. As part of the memo, Williams also instructed Army officials to recommend whether the military should issue further guidance related to the program.

Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based immigration attorney and a retired Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who helped create the immigrant recruitment program, said Wednesday the memo proves there was a policy.

"It's an admission by the Army that they've improperly discharged hundreds of soldiers," she said. "The next step should be go back and rescind the people who were improperly discharged." Discharged recruits and reservists reached Wednesday said their discharges were still in place as far as they knew. One Pakistani man caught by surprise by his discharge said he was filing for asylum. He asked that his name be withheld because he fears he might be forced to return to Pakistan, where he could face danger as a for-

mer U.S. Army enlistee.

The reversal comes as the Defense Department has attempted to strengthen security requirements for the program, through which historically immigrants vowed to risk their lives for the promise of U.S. citizenship.

President George W. Bush ordered "expedited naturalization" for immigrant soldiers after 9/11 in an effort to swell military ranks. Seven years later the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, known as MAVNI, became an official recruiting program.

It came under fire from conservatives when President Barack Obama added DACA recipients — young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children — to the list of eligible enlistees. In response, the military layered on additional security clearances for recruits to pass before heading to boot camp.

The Trump Administration added even more hurdles, creating a backlog within the Defense Department. Last fall, hundreds of recruits still in the enlistment process had their contracts canceled.

Government attorneys called the recruitment program an "elevated security risk" in another case involving 17 foreign-born military recruits who enlisted through the program but have not been able to clear additional security requirements. Some recruits had falsified their background records and were connected to state-sponsored intelligence agencies, the court filing said.

Eligible recruits are required to have legal status in the U.S., such as a student visa, before enlisting. More than 5,000 immigrants were recruited into the program in 2016, and an estimated 10,000 are currently serving. Nearly 110,000 members of the Armed Forces have gained citizenship by serving in the U.S. military since Sept. 11, 2001, according to the Defense Department. □

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Oklahoma teen to serve 5 life terms for killing family

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A 19-year-old Oklahoma man convicted of stabbing his parents and three siblings to death was sentenced Thursday to five life terms in prison to run consecutively, meaning that even with the possibility of parole he likely won't ever be released.

Michael Bever was 16 years old in 2015 when prosecutors say he and his older brother, Robert Bever, killed their mother, father, two younger brothers and 5-year-old sister at their suburban Tulsa home. Two other sisters survived the attack.

Robert Bever, who was 18 at the time of the killings, pleaded guilty in 2016 and was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Michael Bever was convicted in May of five counts of first-degree murder.

The jury also convicted Michael Bever of one count of assault and battery with intent to kill for wounding his then-13-year-old sister, who survived the attack. A 2-year-old sister was unharmed. On Thursday,



In this Tuesday, April 17, 2018 file photo, Michael Bever, center, is led from a courtroom following jury selection in his trial in Tulsa, Okla. At right is his defense attorney Corbin Brewster.

Bever was sentenced to 28 years in prison for the assault on his 13-year-old sister, in addition to the five life sentences.

Authorities have never revealed the teens' motives in the slayings.

Neighbors said the children were all home-schooled and that their parents kept them on a tight leash, for-

bidding them from mingling with neighbors or playing with kids outside the family. Following the attack, Robert Bever told police his parents beat him. He said his father once dragged him upstairs because he left a light on and his mother slapped him so hard it left a mark. He described to police how he planned

to murder his parents and siblings and that he hoped killing them would bring him fame.

Defense attorneys argued that Michael Bever was led astray by his older brother, and Robert Bever testified that he wanted to take responsibility for all of the killings.

Prosecutors, who urged

the judge to award a no-parole sentence ahead of Thursday's hearing, argued that Michael Bever was a willing participant in the gruesome killings and that he should be locked up for the rest of his life. The sentencing Thursday effectively achieves that.

Life sentences are considered 45 years for parole purposes in Oklahoma, and inmates must serve 85 percent of each sentence before technically being eligible for parole. Calculated consecutively, Bever's sentences total 253 years and he must serve 85 percent, or 215 years, before he reaches parole eligibility. Bever's defense attorneys said they plan to appeal his sentences. □

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France: 1,600 evacuated as flash floods threaten camp sites

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PARIS (AP) — Hundreds of rescuers backed by helicopters evacuated about 1,600 people, most of them campers, in three regions of southern France where heavy rain caused flash flooding and transformed rivers and streams into torrents, the interior minister said Thursday.

Hardest hit was the Gard region, where 119 children, many of them from Germany, were evacuated from their campsite at Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said in a statement.

About 750 people in all were evacuated in Gard,



In this image from video, flash floods send a torrent of water down a street in Aubagne, France on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

mainly from campsites, a top district official, Thierry Dousset, told France's BFM-TV news channel.

Search teams that included divers combed swollen waters for a man reported missing. BFM-TV said he was a 70-year-old German citizen serving as a monitor at the Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas site and feared to have been swept away by flood waters along with his van.

However, Dousset, the top aide of the Gard administration, said no one knew for certain yet that the man was in his van at the time.

Four German children were hospitalized for hypothermia in Bagnols-sur-Ceze,

a town on the Ceze River, Dousset said. They were among 10 people hospitalized with minor injuries, the Gard Gendarmerie said on its Facebook page.

After a hot spell, the flash flooding in the northern part of the Gard region turned the Ceze and L'Ardeche rivers into churning waterways that quickly spilled out of their banks. Nearby regions — all part of the verdant and mountainous Cevennes — also saw flooding.

Collomb, the interior minister, said in a statement that 1,600 people were evacuated as a precaution in the Gard, the Ardeche and the

Drome regions.

"No one has suitcases. We just have what we're wearing," Rita Mauersberger, a visitor from Germany who was among the campers taking shelter in a local hall in Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas, told France Info radio.

More than 400 firefighters and gendarmes, many sent in from other regions, helped in the evacuations, using helicopters to spot camp sites and occasionally to perform rescues.

Numerous roads in the area remained cut off as night fell. Authorities warned that the flooding would take time to recede and urged people to be vigilant. □

Estonia halts NATO air drills after jet misfires missile

By JARI TANNER

HELSINKI (AP) — Estonia's defense minister has ordered a halt to NATO air exercises in Estonia pending an investigation after a missile was accidentally fired over the Baltic country's airspace by a Spanish fighter jet on a military exercise this week.

The air-to-air missile that was erroneously launched Tuesday over southern Estonia has not been found, but no people were reported injured or killed by the misfiring, Defense Minister

Juri Luik said Thursday.

"The Spanish defense minister has apologized and expressed deep regret," Luik said at a news conference in the Estonian capital of Tallinn, adding that the commander of the Spanish Armed Forces apologized as well.

Estonian Prime Minister Juri Ratas spoke with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday, expressing Estonia's concern over the "serious incident."

The AMRAAM-type missile

has a range of up to 100 kilometers (62 miles.) It may have crashed into a remote nature reserve in the eastern Jogeva region, not far from Estonia's border with Russia, or triggered its built-in self-destruct mode and exploded in midair, Luik said.

The Eurofighter Typhoon jet belonging to the Spanish Air Force was part of NATO's Baltic air-policing mission based in Lithuania and was carrying air-to-air missiles containing up to 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of

explosives.

While Luik urged Spain to conduct a thorough investigation, he also launched an internal review of the safety regulations for arranging military air exercises in the tiny NATO nation of 1.3 million.

Until the completion of that review "I have suspended all NATO exercises in the Estonian airspace," he said. Luik reaffirmed Estonia's trust in NATO's Baltic air mission, which started in 2004 as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania joined the military alli-

ance. The three former Soviet republics don't possess fighter jets of their own.

The air policing is carried out from NATO's bases in Siauliai, Lithuania, and Amari, Estonia. French, Portuguese and Spanish fighter jets are currently in charge of the rotating four-month mission.

In Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Thursday the Estonian missile incident showed that NATO's air drills are security risks for the region. □

Turkey to outline 'new economic model' as currency slides

By SUZAN FRASER

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's government says it will outline a "new economic model" on Friday as the national currency hit another record low amid concerns about the president's policies and an ongoing dispute with the U.S.

The lira, which has fallen about 30 percent since the start of the year, dropped to another low of 5.47 against the dollar on Thursday.

The slide followed news that high level meetings in Washington between U.S. and Turkish officials over a detained American pastor concluded without an apparent resolution. The

pastor's detention led to Washington imposing punitive sanctions on two Turkish Cabinet ministers and warning of possible additional measures.

That added to existing concerns about the independence of the central bank. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan wants the bank to keep rates low to support economic growth, but independent economists say it should be free to raise rates to rein in inflation.

Turkey finances a lot of its economic growth with foreign investment, making it particularly vulnerable to a slide in the currency. A weaker currency weakens returns for those foreign in-



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announces plan of action for the first 100 days of his new presidency, in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, Aug. 3, 2018.

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vestors, who could pull their money out — reinforcing the currency drop and potentially leading to finan-

cial instability. In such a case, Turkey could either seek financial assistance from the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund or decide to put limits on money outflows from the country. Because IMF help comes with policies prescriptions, analysts say that Erdogan could be more inclined to try to control money flows. Finance and Treasury Minister Berat Albayrak, who is Erdogan's son-in-law, will present the outlines of a new economic model on Friday, his ministry said Thursday.

The ministry said it expects inflation, currently nearly 16 percent, to return to single digits and that the current account deficit would be lowered from the current 5.5 percent of GDP to 4 percent. □



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Spain takes more African migrants despite signs of tension

By BARRY HATTON
VALERIO NICOLOSI

ALGECIRAS, Spain (AP) —

A rescue boat carrying 87 African migrants who were saved in the Mediterranean Sea docked Thursday at the southern Spanish port of Algeciras, but without the welcome offered to previous groups as the political mood in Spain began showing signs of tension about a spike in migrant arrivals.

The boat operated by Spanish aid group Proactiva Open Arms brought what it said were mostly Sudanese war refugees, including 12 minors, picked up off the Libyan coast on Aug. 2.

Spain allowed the boat to come after other, geographically closer, European Union countries refused to let it dock amid continuing tension among EU governments about how best to respond to the wave of migrants crossing from Africa.

Spain's new center-left Socialist government made fair treatment for migrants one of its headline policies after coming to power two months ago.

In June, it announced measures to "put people's rights first" in the country's migration policies. Among other things, it took the first steps toward extending public health care to foreigners without residence permits. That same month, it accepted the Aquarius rescue ship with 630 migrants on board after Malta and Italy turned it away.

Authorities gave those migrants who arrived in Va-



Migrants are led to the Migrants Reception Center near Algeciras, Spain, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.
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lencia a special entry permit into Spain of 45 days for humanitarian reasons. A further 60 who arrived on a rescue ship in Barcelona last month were given a 30-day permit while they decided what to do. Their paperwork was also fast-tracked.

But those who arrived in Algeciras on Thursday will get no such special treatment. They will be processed, the government said, like any other migrants rescued at sea: held by police for 72 hours at a migrant camp, given a medical check-up, identified and detained while they await asylum or are given an expulsion order.

The government official overseeing immigration, Magdalena Valerio, said earlier this week there would be no extra money for migrant policies before

the end of the year.

The Spanish Network for Immigration and Refugee Help, a non-governmental organization, accused the government of abruptly "changing course" in its immigration policies and "discriminating" against the new arrivals.

"We'd like Spain to remain a safe haven and be a bulwark against the populism of (Italian Interior Minister Matteo) Salvini and (French far-right nationalist leader Marine) Le Pen," the organization's president, Daniel Mendez, told Spanish news agency Europa Press.

Critics of the new government's perceived softer approach toward migrants said its policies had backfired, by attracting ever higher numbers, and the government is increasingly wary of that criticism.

The U.N. Migration Agency

says almost 24,000 refugees and other migrants have arrived in Spain by sea this year — nearly three times the number last year.

The agency says Spain has become the most popular European destination for Mediterranean migrants, with just over 40 percent of the total, after Libya and Italy began cracking down. Most come on overcrowded smugglers' boats from Tunisia and Morocco.

Opposition leader Pablo Casado has targeted Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's immigration policies.

"What Spaniards are looking for is a party which says clearly that we can't give documents to everyone, and Spain can't take in millions of Africans," Casado said last month.

Such criticism has left Sanchez politically exposed when he heads a minority

government with just 84 of the 350 seats in the lower house of parliament.

It has also fueled fears that populism may spread further in the EU. Far-right parties have joined the governments in Italy and Austria and made gains elsewhere. Residents from the region around Algeciras expressed concern about the latest arrivals.

"With so much unemployment we do not need extra expenses," Manuel Ruiz said. "The refugees, because they are not cared for properly, they start stealing to live and this causes all sorts of problems." He added: "We have to give them all the aid we can, but it has to be balanced." Jose Lopez Vicente feared a backlash.

"I think the European Union should take more of an interest in this situation. If not, the population will become racist, even if they are not." Sanchez, the prime minister, says his government and EU officials are in talks with Morocco, from where traffickers take the migrants across the Mediterranean, and with the migrants' countries of origin on how to stem the flow.

Elsewhere in the Mediterranean on Thursday, a boat carrying migrants capsized off the Turkish coast, killing seven children and two women, Turkey's state-run news agency said. Many migrants continue to attempt to reach the Greek islands from the Turkish coast, hoping to eventually move to more prosperous European Union countries. □

Hamas says Gaza cease-fire reached with Israel

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza's Hamas rulers said late Thursday that a truce had been reached with Israel, ending an intense two-day burst of violence that had pushed the region closer to war. But the deal did not appear to address the deeper issues that have prevented the bitter enemies from reaching a longer cease-fire arrangement.

Hamas' Al Aqsa TV channel reported late Thursday that the Egyptian-brokered deal has taken hold "on the basis of mutual calm." It said the deal was mediated by Egypt and other unidentified regional players. A senior Hamas official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said the agreement merely ended the latest round of violence, in which Gaza militants fired some 200 rockets at Israel and the Israeli military carried out a similar number of airstrikes in Gaza. He said Egypt, which often serves as a mediator between the sides, would continue the



Smoke rises from an explosion caused by an Israeli airstrike on a building of Said al-Mis'hal cultural center in Gaza City, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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more difficult task of brokering a long-term cease-fire.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with the media, denied a deal had been reached. But early Friday, the situation in Gaza appeared quiet.

The Hamas announcement

came shortly after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Security Cabinet ordered the army to take unspecified "strong action" against Gaza militants as the military reinforced units along the border.

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars since the Islamic militant group seized control of Gaza in 2007. In this week's fighting, the Palestinian Health Ministry said three Palestinians, including a pregnant woman and her 1-year-old daughter and a Hamas militant, were killed in separate airstrikes. Israeli officials said seven people were wounded by rocket or mortar fire on the Israeli side. At times, Thursday's fighting resembled the 2014 war. In Israel, air raid sirens warning of incoming rocket fire wailed in southern Israel overnight and throughout the day, sending families scrambling into bomb shelters, canceling outdoor summer cultural events and forcing summer camps indoors. The Israeli air force, meanwhile, pounded targets across Gaza.

A Palestinian rocket struck the southern city of Beer-sheba late in the afternoon, landing in an open area. It was the first time a rocket had hit the city since the 2014 war.

Shortly after, an Israeli airstrike flattened the five-story cultural center in the

Shati refugee camp, a crowded neighborhood of Gaza City. The airstrike set off a powerful explosion and sent a huge plume of black smoke into the air, causing crowds to scream in panic. Medical officials said at least seven bystanders were wounded.

The building is home to a popular theater and exhibits plays and other shows on a daily basis. An Egyptian-Palestinian cultural society also has an office in the building.

"The deliberate targeting of a cultural center with airstrikes and destruction ... is a barbaric act," said Hazem Qassem, a Hamas spokesman. He said the destruction of the Egyptian cultural office was "an Israeli attempt to sabotage" the Egyptian cease-fire efforts.

The Israeli military said the building served as a Palestinian military installation. Hamas' Interior Ministry, including its secret police, has offices in an adjacent site, but those offices were not hit.

Despite the animosity, the enemies have signaled, through their contacts with Egypt, that they want to avoid another war. Reaching a deal, however, will likely require major concession on both sides.

Hamas is demanding the lifting of an Israeli-Egyptian border blockade that has

devastated Gaza's economy, while Israel wants an end to rocket fire, as well as recent border protests and launches of incendiary balloons, and the return of the remains of two dead soldiers and two Israelis believed to be alive and held by Hamas.

Israel is believed to be offering an easing, but not an end, to the blockade.

Gaza's Health Ministry identified those killed in the airstrikes as 23-year-old Enas Khamash and her daughter Bayan, as well as a Hamas fighter, Ali Ghandour.

Kamal Khamash, the woman's brother-in-law, said the family was asleep when the projectile hit the house, and that her husband had been critically wounded. "This is a blatant crime and Israel is responsible for it," he said.

In southern Israel, two Thai laborers were among the seven wounded, and rockets damaged buildings in the cities of Sderot and Ashkelon. The military said it intercepted some 30 rockets, while most of the others landed in open areas.

At the United Nations, Israel's ambassador, Danny Danon, urged the secretary-general and U.N. Security Council to condemn Hamas militants for what he called "the unprovoked terrorist attack" on southern Israel.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said U.S. officials were concerned by the situation in Gaza.

"Overall, we condemn the launching of missile attacks into Israel, and call for an end to the destructive violence. We've seen reports that 180 or so rocket attacks have taken place, shot from Gaza into Israel, and we fully support Israel's right to defend itself, and to take actions to prevent provocations of that nature," Nauert said.

Tension along the Israel-Gaza border has escalated since late March, when Hamas launched what have become regular mass protests along Israel's perimeter fence with Gaza. □



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Seoul: Rival Koreas to meet to prepare for leaders' summit

By YOUKYUNG LEE

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The rival Koreas will meet Monday for high-level talks meant to prepare for a summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, South Korea said, the third such meetings between the leaders in recent months.

The announcement Thursday by the South's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean issues for Seoul, comes amid attempts by Washington and Pyongyang to follow through on nuclear disarmament vows made at a summit in June between President Donald Trump and Kim.

Pyongyang has also stepped up its calls for a formal end to the Korean War, which some analysts believe is meant to be the first step in the North's effort to eventually see all 28,500 U.S. troops leave the Korean Peninsula. Washington



In this June 1, 2018, file photo, South Korean Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon, speaks to media before leaving to attend South and North Korean meeting, at Office of South Korea-North Korea Dialogue in Seoul, South Korea.

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is pushing for the North to begin giving up its nuclear program.

A South Korean official at the Unification Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of of-

fice rules, said the two Koreas will also discuss ways to push through tension-reducing agreements made during an earlier summit between Kim and South Korean President Moon.

Among the agreements was holding another inter-Korean summit in the fall in Pyongyang.

The rival Koreas may try to seek a breakthrough amid what experts see as little

progress on nuclear disarmaments between Pyongyang and Washington despite the Singapore summit in June and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's several visits to North Korea. Pyongyang insisted that the U.S. should reciprocate to the North's suspension of missile launches and nuclear tests and other goodwill gestures such as the return of remains of American troops killed in the Korean War. The United States has dismissed calls to ease sanctions until the North delivers on its commitments to fully denuclearize.

The inter-Korean meeting on Monday will be held at Tongilgak, a North Korean-controlled building in the border village of Panmunjom. It wasn't clear who would attend the talks, but such meetings have typically been handled in the past by South Korea's unification minister and his counterpart in the North. □

Thai monk who flew in high style gets prison for fraud

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A former Buddhist monk infamous for a jet-set lifestyle was sentenced Thursday to more than 100 years in prison in connection with funds he fraudulently raised from followers.

Wirapol Sukphol caused a scandal when he appeared in a 2013 YouTube video in his monk's robes aboard a private jet wearing aviator sunglasses with a Louis Vuitton carry-on by his side. He was defrocked amid accusations that he had sexual relations with several women — a major violation of the precepts guiding monks' behavior — and had impregnated one.



In this Thursday, July 20, 2017, file photo, ex-monk Wirapol Sukphol is escorted by the Department of Special Investigation officials to the prosecutor's office in Bangkok, Thailand.

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There were also allegations he had sex with a 14-year-old girl.

Because of the furor, he

fled to the United States, where he was arrested in 2016 and extradited last year.

The Ratchada Criminal Court in Bangkok sentenced him Thursday to 114 years in prison, although legal technicalities capped the actual time he must serve at 20 years. He was found guilty of fraud, money laundering and violation of the computer crime act for spending money he had solicited for Buddhist statuary and temple improvements instead on cars and luxury goods.

The court also ordered that Wirapol pay 28.6 million baht (\$864,000) in compensation to 29 people who filed lawsuits saying he had cheated them.

The same court will deliver a verdict on Oct. 17 on a child molestation and child

abduction case against Wirapol.

Critics say Wirapol is an extreme example of a wider crisis in Thai Buddhism, which has become marginalized by a shortage of monks and an increasingly secular society.

At the court Thursday, a smiling Wirapol was joined by around 10 followers whom he told to relax.

"Prison is comfortable, there are people always buying you food and there's plenty of space. Anyone want to join me?" Wirapol said. "If I have to spend many years in prison but can accept it, then it's comfortable. If you can't accept it, just one day in prison can feel like a thousand years." □

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Argentine Senate rejects legalizing elective abortion

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentina's Senate on Thursday rejected a bill to legalize elective abortion, a defeat for a grassroots movement that came closer than ever to achieving the decriminalization of the procedure in the homeland of Pope Francis.

Lawmakers debated for more than 15 hours before voting 38-31 against the measure that would have allowed abortion in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy. The decision could echo across Latin America, where anti-abortion forces remains strong even if the Roman Catholic Church has lost influence due to secularization and an avalanche of sex abuse scandals.

For long hours, thousands of supporters wearing green handkerchiefs that represent the effort to legalize abortion and opponents wearing light blue braved the heavy rain and cold temperatures in Argentina's winter to watch the debate on large screens set up outside Congress.

The demonstrations were largely peaceful, but after the vote, small groups of protesters clashed with police, throwing firebombs and setting up flaming barricades. Police officers responded with tear gas.

Pushed by a wave of demonstrations by women's groups, the lower house had already passed the measure and conservative President Mauricio Macri



Demonstrators against decriminalizing abortion celebrate outside Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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had said that he would sign it, even though he is anti-abortion.

After the decision, Macri said that the debate would continue. The government is also expected to include a measure in the penal code that would decriminalize abortion, although it would not legalize the practice.

"We've shown that we have matured as a society, and that we can debate with the depth and seriousness that all Argentines expected ... and democracy won," Macri said after the vote.

In Argentina, abortion is only allowed in cases of rape and risks to a woman's health. Thousands of women, most of them poor, are hospitalized each year for complications linked due to unsafe abortions.

Backers of the measure said legalizing abortion would save the life of many women. The Health Ministry estimated in 2016 that the country sees as many as half a million clandestine abortions each year, with dozens of women dying as a result. The Catholic Church and other groups opposed it, saying it violated Argentine law guaranteeing life from the moment of conception.

In recent years, Argentina has been at the forefront of social movements in the region. In 2010, it became the first country in Latin America to legalize same-sex marriage. More recently, the Ni Una Menos, or Not One Less, movement that was created in Argentina to fight violence against women has grown

into a global phenomenon. The issue pitted the Catholic Church against feminist groups, physicians against physicians. While abortion rights activists waited for the decision under umbrellas, opponents gathered Wednesday night at a "Mass for Life" at the Metropolitan Cathedral, the church of Pope Francis during his tenure as the archbishop of Buenos Aires. "It's not about religious beliefs but about a humanitarian reason," Cardinal Mario Poli, the archbishop of Buenos Aires, told churchgoers. "Caring for life is the first human right and the duty of the state." Pope Francis this year denounced abortion as the "white glove" equivalent of the Nazi-era eugenics program and urged families

"to accept the children that God gives them." Activists estimate that 3,030 women in Argentina have died of illegal abortions since 1983. "Let's recognize that we're facing a public health tragedy," said Magdalena Odarda, a senator for Rio Negro province.

"We're not deciding abortion yes or no. We're deciding abortion in a hospital, or illegal abortion, with a clothes hanger, or anything else that puts a woman in a humiliating, degrading situation — a real torture," she said.

Many women in Argentina use misoprostol to end first-trimester pregnancies. The drug is only sold under prescription, but for the poorest women the cost of the drug is out of reach.

For many of them, the methods used to induce an abortion include using an IV tube with a sharp wire clothes hanger or a knitting needle to try to break the amniotic sac inside the womb. Others drink herbs, insert dubious non-abortive pills in the vagina, or pump toxic mixtures, which can cause ulcers, hemorrhage and ultimately severe infections, and death.

For months, hundreds of doctors in Argentina had staged anti-abortion protests while feminists and other groups led even larger demonstrations in support of the measure, often wearing green that symbolizes the pro-abortion movement, or red cloaks and white bonnets like the characters from the novel-turned-TV series "The Handmaid's Tale." □

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More LGBT activities wanted on Aruba



It's still a rare occasion when a company on Aruba reaches out to the LGBT community. So for Aruba Marriott hotel hosting its first LGBT Culture Day for its associates and local customers on July 25, a big applause. And also for Hendrik 'Endy' Croes, a local who had the courage to co-present with Marriott's Director of Multicultural Affairs, Seema Jain.

Croes is spokesperson for the Aruban airport authority and also know in his free time helping with beauty pageants and other activities where his eye and techniques for beauty is needed. But Croes is also married to another man, hence his sexual orientation is homosexual.

His personal story reflects how the situation is on Aruba. And why Marriott as a

global chain choose this island particularly as the first Caribbean destination to celebrate LGBT Culture Day. As experienced travelers might discover, Aruba is not its typical Caribbean island. Due to Aruba still has a very close connection to Europe, forming part of the Dutch Kingdom, which you could say had and has an influence on how LGBT persons are received. In contrast with the more macho dominated countries in the region where other sexual orientations are far less accepted.

Aruba was the first Dutch Caribbean island that allowed registration of married homosexual couples, giving them equal rights, even to adopt children. This was a huge step for a community where the catholic religion still dominates and is very intertwined with the

culture.

However Aruba is not that far yet as the personal story of Croes demonstrated. His parents didn't mind he was gay as long as he kept it se-

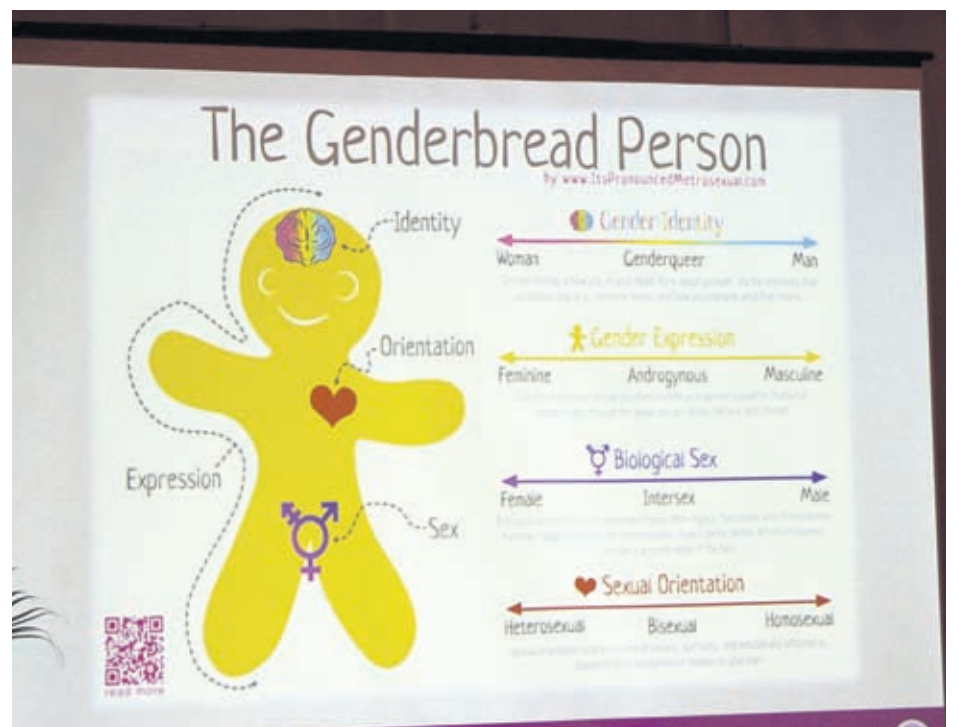
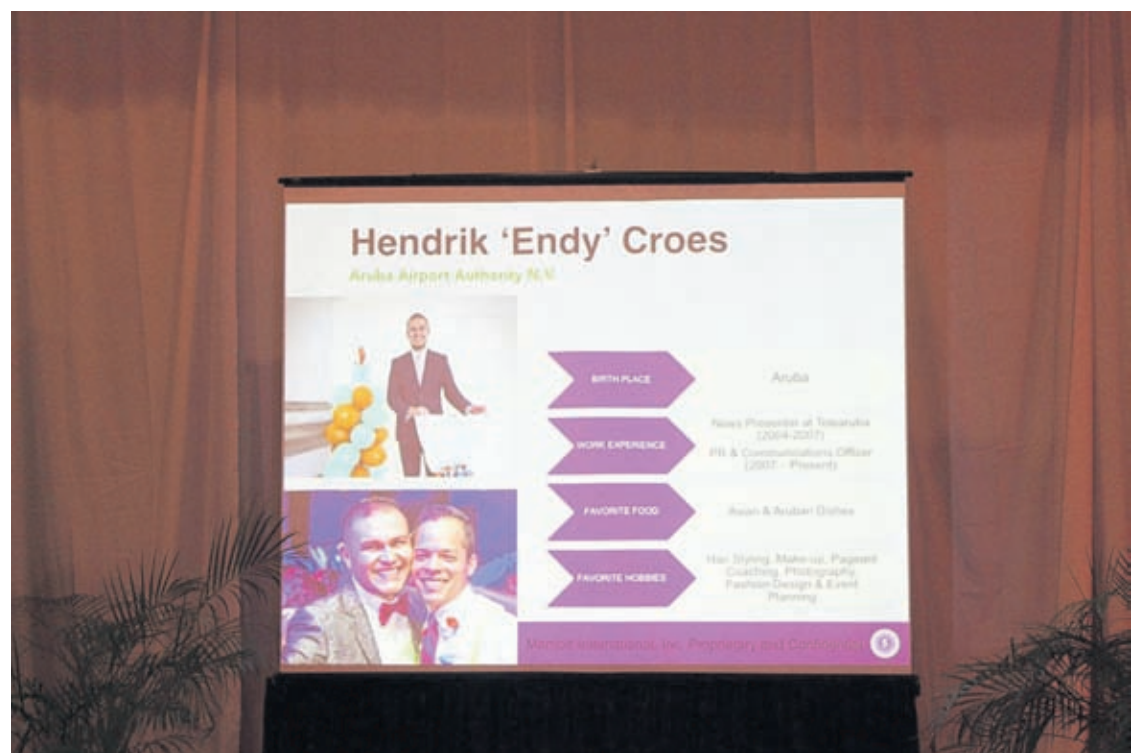
cret. Aruba accepts mostly persons of other sexual orientations but not really in the open. Or only during Carnival. Two man kissing each other, holding hands, it's still difficult.

But as Marriott's Director of Multicultural Affairs, Seema Jain also stated, even warned: the Millennials are far more accepting. And if a company doesn't go with that flow, they will be confronted with this when looking for personnel or pleasing clients.

Croes also mentioned that Aruba doesn't have a lot of places that are LGBT friendly. When asked, what he means by LGBT activities, he says there's for example only one bar where he and his partner can be

themselves. It's a bar in Oranjestad known for its clients being gay. Croes also says that in other bars they don't feel as comfortable of dancing together, etc. He hopes that more companies will visibly show that they're LGBT friendly. That they do an effort for this community to feel welcome and train personnel about how to treat and communicate with them without being unnecessary offensive.

But in the end he agreed with the public present at the celebration that a special mark to show companies are LGBT friendly should not be necessary when everyone would treat each other equally. "But that is still not the situation." □



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ORANJESTAD - The mix of cultures in Aruba is very visible in its architecture as -like in all cultures-, monuments reflect your history and your people. If you take the chance to leave the beach for a little while and take your car off the beaten track you will be surprised what you see. Anne Witsenburg is director of the Monumentfund Aruba and points out precisely why a monumental trip should not lack in your vacation's itinerary.

The fund owns 12 monuments, out of the 36 protected monuments in the island. "But there are over 300 more monuments on the list to be protected and of course we dream to see that become reality as soon as possible." The international guidelines that apply for monuments decide whether it will be a protected monument or not. "The building or object needs to be at least 50 years old, a special value in architecture or to history or to the people of Aruba is required and there has to be a certain uniqueness. If it was changed too much throughout time or there are already any of the same kind it is a no go."

Useless islands

There is a difference between the islands when it comes to monuments, as Witsenburg explains. "That goes back to their history. Curacao used to be a very wealthy island where many -mainly Dutch- merchants lived close together and that is the reason you find this typical colonial Dutch style buildings packed in certain areas nowadays. They are celebrating 20 years of Unesco heritage this year. Than scattered around the rest of the island you will see the smaller country houses." Aruba and Bonaire were called the useless islands in the colonial time, so any Indian willing to live here was given a small piece of land to build his home. "That is the reason you find all these typical small houses scattered around the island. We actually have the same amount of monuments as Curacao though way smaller."

Magic local touch

Some of the monuments owned by the Monument fund Aruba are the light house, town hall, water tanks in both Oranjestad and San Nicolas. "We are wealthy in different styled monuments and my suggestion is to discover this world outside of the tourist

zone. The book Monumental Guide comes in handy as there are three maps inside that guide you to the monuments and tell you about them. But there are also possibilities to have your personal people guide. And the best is that I can almost guarantee you the magic of the local touch when you bump into an authentic cunucu house (country house) and talk to the owners. They will proudly share their family history with you."

Outside inspiration

The Monument fund acquires or buys monuments and restores them back into their former glory. Than they rent it out. "That sounds easy, but it is incredibly complex as most monuments have multiple owners due to the fact that inheritances are split and all need to decide upon the selling." They cooperate with the government office of monuments because they set the rules of what you can and cannot do to a protected monument. "We also have the task to maintain the buildings which is an ongoing process. The wind, the salt in the air and the sun that not only burns human bodies but also buildings are huge challenges. Next to that we do education, create awareness and maintain public relations about our monuments."

The office of the Monument fund is actually located in a monument itself. The building is beautiful and has a tropical style. "This house goes back to the 1920's when it was built as a vacation house by Aruban entrepreneur Croes. He and his family came here to the outdoors as in those times there was only cunucu (countryside) here. They had big parties and enjoyed leisure time with fam-

ily and friends." Richer Arubans at that time looked outwards for architecture inspiration as that was considered chic, Witsenburg explains. Either to the US (art deco style like the water tower in San Nicolas), Holland (Dutch colonial style) or Colombia/Venezuela. "This house is inspired by a villa around Cartagena, Colombia. The ideas mostly came from the wives", she says laughing.

Sustainable driven

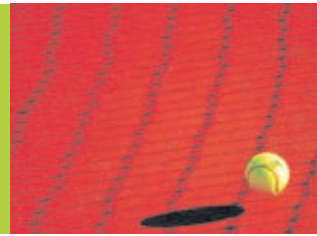
Sustainability is a big thing to the Monument fund Aruba. Witsenburg: "Obviously to restore old buildings and not destroy them to build new ones is already sustainable in itself. Than we have the technical sustainability as in using the right materials and techniques but also the social sustainability. That includes looking at the non-tangible part of heri-

tage: the stories to be told, the music to be played, the dinners that were cooked in the places we try to restore. That keeps it alive. Most of our monuments are meant to be lived in so we would like to reintroduce the joy of living in a monument. We work together with private companies to look into that." In their office they installed solar panels, use LED lightning and recently implemented an electrical charging point for electric vehicles.

The Monument fund Aruba is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8 to 5. You are more than welcome to ask for information, guiding and help. For more information check their Facebook page stichting monumenten fonds aruba and the website <http://www.monumenten-fondsaruba.com>. □



SPORTS



Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Josh Hader (71) delivers against the San Francisco Giants during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, July 26, 2018, in San Francisco.
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MLB's inclusion efforts must now overcome offensive tweets

By NOAH TRISTER

Major League Baseball has made an effort to grow the sport among African-Americans, and there are finally some small signs of progress. Meanwhile, ballparks from coast to coast host nights celebrating the LGBT community, another example of baseball's attempts to promote diversity. Right now, all of that is being overshadowed after the discovery of some inflammatory old tweets from current players, social media posts that threaten to undermine some of the work MLB has invested in. "I think the main challenge is that a lot of times good deeds are not as interesting as misdeeds," said Billy Bean, MLB's vice president for social responsibility and inclusion.

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HOME COURT



Woodland feels at home in St. Louis, leads PGA with 64

Gary Woodland watches his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in St. Louis.

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U.S. Open champ Sloane Stephens advances in Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens advanced to the Rogers Cup quarterfinals, beating Carla Suarez Navarro 6-2, 7-5 on Thursday in the hard-court event. After Suarez overcame a 5-1 deficit to tie the second set at 5, Stephens broke serve for a 6-5 lead and scored four straight points to put away the match, ending it with a sharp cross-court forehand. "Maybe the old me would have kind of freaked out," Stephens said. "I was kind of like, 'OK, it's fine, she's allowed to play well. Just kind of regroup.' I did that. I was happy with that." The 25-year-old Stephens, ranked No. 3 in the world, won a hard-court title in Miami in March and lost the French Open final to top-ranked Simona



Sloane Stephens, of the United States, returns to Carla Suarez Navarro, of Spain, during the Rogers Cup women's tennis tournament, Thursday Aug. 9, 2018 in Montreal.

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Halep. In the quarterfinals, the American will face Anastaija Sevastova of Latvia, a 6-3, 7-6 (2) winner over 10th-seeded Julian Goerges of Germany. Sevastova, ranked 19th, won last month in Bucharest. Ashleigh Barty, the 15th seed from Australia, beat

France's Alize Cornet 7-6 (3), 6-4. Barty will face Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands, a 6-3, 6-2 winner over eighth-seeded Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic. Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands upset eighth-seeded Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-2. □

Greek teen Tsitsipas upsets Djokovic in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Greek teen Stefanos Tsitsipas upset Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3 on Thursday in the Rogers Cup. The 19-year-old Tsitsipas broke the ninth-seeded Serb's serve early in the third set and held serve from there to reach his first career ATP World Tour Masters 1000 quarterfinal. "I feel very proud for me, myself, and my country. I'm putting Greece more deep into the map of tennis," Tsitsipas said. "I'm pretty sure I'm making my family proud, all of those people that are watching, my coach, my father. It was a very emotional win. I've never felt so many emotions after a victory." Djokovic, a four-time Rogers Cup champion, faded late on a warm, breezy afternoon at Aviva Centre on the York University campus. Tsitsipas set up match point with a scorching cross-court winner before completing the victory in 2



Stefanos Tsitsipas, of Greece, makes a return to Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, during the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament in Toronto, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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hours, 17 minutes.

"I knew he had some issues in some particular shots in his game, I would say. So I was waiting and I grabbed him like a bulldog and stuck there and executed, I executed my plan," Tsitsipas said. "I knew that at some point he's going to break, and I just patiently waited for this moment and it happened." Tsitsipas will face second-seeded Alexander

Zverev of Germany, the defending champion coming off a tournament victory last week in Washington that included a semifinal win over Tsitsipas. The 21-year-old Zverev beat Russia's Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2. Top-ranked Rafael Nadal faced Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka in a night match, with the winner advancing to face sixth-seeded Marin Cilic of Croatia. □

Stephen Curry shoots 1-over 71 in Web.com Tour event

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry rallied with three birdies to shoot a 1-over 71 on Thursday in the first round of the Web.com Tour's Ellie Mae Classic. Making his second appearance in the \$600,000 event at TPC Stonebrae, the Golden State Warriors star rebounded from a bogey on the second hole with a birdie on the par-5 third. He added birdies on the par-4 seventh and eighth — hitting the flagstick on No. 8 — and closed with a par on No. 9. Playing as an amateur, Curry was eight shots behind leaders Adam Long and Seth Reeves with the afternoon wave still on the course. Last year, Curry shot 74-74 to tie for 148th and miss the cut by 11 shots.

Playing alongside Web.com Tour winners Martin Trainer and Cameron Champ in the round that began on No. 10, Curry slightly pulled his iron off the tee into the first cut of rough, up against a sprinkler head.

"I can't play this hole without getting a ruling," he joked, referencing the opening tee shot last year that wound up in a drink cup inside a cart left of the hole.

He made par and also parred the next two before stumbling with bogeys on Nos. 13, 15 and 16.

"This time, it took me until hole No. 8 or 9 to really just get comfortable, especially on the greens," Curry said. "Again, you can't simulate that pressure standing over 10-foot putts, 5-foot putts, knowing they count, and how many of them for me were for pars early. That was a hard part to adjust to, but once you get in a groove, good things happen." Curry made his fourth bogey at the par-3 second, then two-putted for birdie on the third. He celebrated with a lighthearted hug with caddie Jonnie West, a Warriors employee and TPC Stonebrae member.

"It took me six holes last year to get my first one and it took me 12 holes this year," Curry said. "I had to wait a little bit. It was a nice relief to see a putt go in."

He made a 10-foot birdie putt on the seventh, then hit a 9-iron from 148 yards on the eighth that ricocheted off the pin and settled 5 feet short of the hole to set up a birdie.

"Yeah, there's one of those off the face, hit it flush and it was on line," Curry said. "I see it hit — or I hear the pin rattle — and that was a cool moment. I didn't know how close it landed. When I walked up there, literally was an inch away from dunking it. Out here I don't get many dunks."

He three-putted for par on the par-5 ninth.

"It was fun to be able to hit some decent shots early, and from there turn it into actual scoring, which was good," Curry said.

Trainer shot 69, and Champ had a 68.

"It was impressive," said Trainer, a two-time winner this year. "His game as a whole was really impressive. It really surprised me. Obviously, he's not as sharp because I don't think he plays as much as we do." Champ won the Utah Championship last month and leads the tour in driving distance.

"It was definitely a good experience," Champ said. "Obviously, all the fans shouting his name and whatnot. It was good just to see his game, too. I was very impressed." □

Woodland feels at home in Missouri, leads PGA with 64

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kansas-bred Gary Woodland felt right at home in enemy territory and delivered his best performance in a major Thursday at the PGA Championship.

Woodland used his power to birdie the two par 5s on the soft turf of Bellerive, and he relied on a new grip and new confidence in his putter for everything else on his way to a 6-under 64 for a one-shot lead over Rickie Fowler in the opening round of the year's final major. Woodland recognized close to 100 friends and family among thousands in a gallery that withstood the sweltering weather, and his only fault was trying too hard. He made a careless bogey on the opening hole, had to make a 15-foot par putt at No. 5. And then he settled down and was on his way. "This week is as close to home as I've been," Woodland said. "I snuck over here about a month ago and played the golf course. Really enjoyed the layout. The turf is very familiar to me. It's so hot here during the summer, so the greens are soft and slow. You can be more aggressive, which suits my game." Fowler played in the morning, when the greens were slight smoother, and made five birdies over his last 11 holes for a 65. It was an important start for Fowler, who turns 30 this year and already is regarded as among the best without a major. The closest he has come to such a trophy is celebrating those won by his friends.

"It's not something I necessarily worry about," Fowler said. "Keep putting ourselves in position, get in contention ... we have had plenty of runner-ups. Jack (Nicklaus) had a lot of runner-ups. We'll just keep beating down that door." Bellerive allowed for low scoring, provided the ball stayed in the short grass. Woodland had an 18-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole that would have tied the PGA Championship

record, and it stopped just short. It was one of the few he missed.

Two-time major champion Zach Johnson and Brandon Stone of South Africa were at 66.

Dustin Johnson reached 5 under until a few wild drives on the back nine cost him. The world's No. 1 player had to settle for a 67, along with Jason Day, Justin Rose and eight other players.

It was more of a struggle for Tiger Woods, drenched in so much sweat that he changed shirts after 12 shots — that was only two holes and a tee shot. He had to make an 8-foot putt to escape with bogey on No. 10, and then dumped a wedge into the water for double bogey on No. 11. Woods was 3 over through seven holes, and then clawed his way back to even par for a 70.

"A lot of things could happen. Not a lot of them were positive," Woods said. "But I hung in there and turned it around."

Defending champion Justin Thomas let a good start slip away. He didn't make a putt outside a few feet over the last 12 holes and shot 69. Jordan Spieth, in his second crack at the career Grand Slam, opened with a double bogey and finished two bad swings off the tee that sent him to a 71. The secret was simple: Avoid the rough.

Woodland, who played college basketball for one year at Washburn as a freshman before switching to golf at Kansas, is among the most powerful, athletic figures in golf. He had 145 yards to the front on No. 5 and couldn't get it to the green. "Pretty nasty," he said. That's how it was for Woods at the start, when his opening tee shot found the rough and he could only pitch it back to the fairway with a creek at bottom of the hill. That's why Fowler thrived. He missed only three fairways and putted for birdie on all but two holes.

Fowler's biggest change was the wardrobe, switching to a yellow shirt for Thursday in memory of Jar-

rod Lyle, the Australian golfer who died Wednesday. On the course, he looked like he was ready to give this major business — he had his third runner-up finish in a major at the Masters this year — another try.

For Woodland, success in the big events has been

hard to find. He still hasn't registered a top 10, and he hasn't contended in any tournament since winning the Phoenix Open more than six months ago.

The frustration was in the short game, and Woodland finally had enough at the British Open. He sought

out putting specialist Phil Kenyon, who worked with him at Carnoustie, and a little more at Akron, trying not to overload Woodland with too much information. Then, he switched to an oversized putting grip on Tuesday, and it all came together. □



Gary Woodland watches his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, in St. Louis.

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Peralta, Corbin pace Diamondbacks past Phillies, 6-0

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PHOENIX — Patrick Corbin struck out nine in a combined four-hitter, David Peralta had four hits and two RBIs, and the Arizona Diamondbacks rolled over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0 on Wednesday.

Corbin (10-4) had the Phillies guessing most of the game, allowing four hits in 7 1/3 innings while reaching a career-high 183 strikeouts this season. The left-hander did not give up a home run for the ninth straight start, the longest stretch by an Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher since Brandon Webb in 2003.

Peralta hit a two-run triple off Vince Velasquez (8-9) in the third inning, sending the Phillies right-hander to his first loss since June 25.

Peralta had his fourth four-hit game of the home-stand and tied the franchise record with 10 hits in the three-game series. He is 18 for 31 since taking two days off with shoulder tightness last week.

Eduardo Escobar had three RBIs for the NL West-leading Diamondbacks.

BRAVES 8, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — Ronald Acuna Jr. hit one of Atlanta's three homers, then took away a long ball from Washington to back Mike



Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Phoenix.

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Foltynewicz (9-7).

Charlie Culberson and Tyler Flowers also went deep for the Braves. Culberson hit a three-run drive off Tommy Milone (1-1) in the second inning, and it was 7-1 by the fourth. Culberson has homered in three straight games.

Acuna also made a sensational catch in the fourth inning to rob Matt Adams of a home run. Acuna raced to the center-field wall, leaped and snagged the ball with his outstretched glove before sprawling on

the warning track.

Bryce Harper hit his 28th home run for the Nationals, who showed their frustration in the sixth inning when rookie Juan Soto and hitting coach Kevin Long were ejected by home plate umpire Greg Gibson. **ATHLETICS 3, DODGERS 2** **OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP) — Newly acquired Mike Fiers pitched 5 1/3 strong innings and the Athletics beat the Dodgers.

The A's broke a 2-2 in the eighth inning when Khris Davis hit a fielder's choice

grounded off Dodgers reliever J.T. Chargois (2-3), scoring Marcus Semien from third.

Dodgers third baseman Manny Machado fielded Davis' bouncer and fired home to catcher Yasmani Grandal, but Grandal never had control of the ball when he swipe-tagged Semien. Grandal was charged with an error on the play.

Semien singled leading off the inning. He almost got doubled off first on Matt Chapman's fly ball to Cody

Bellinger in center. His throw was off-line throw back to first. Jed Lowrie followed with a hit that sent Semien to third.

Jeury's Familia (3-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win and Blake Treinen worked the ninth for his 29th save in 33 chances.

METS 8, REDS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Jacob deGrom struck out 10 in six innings, received rare significant run support and earned his first win in nearly two months as New York beat Cincinnati.

DeGrom (6-7) ended a seven-start winless streak, allowing four hits in a 100-pitch outing and lowering his major league-leading ERA to 1.77. He won for the first time since June 18 at Colorado.

Brandon Nimmo tied a team record with three doubles and drove in three runs to help the Mets win for the 22nd time in their last 66 games. Austin Jackson drove in two runs with a double in the second and a single in the fifth as the Mets built a 5-0 lead. Nimmo hit an RBI double in the fifth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Amed Rosario in the fourth. Nimmo had a two-run double in the eighth.

Robert Stephenson (0-1) was the loser. □

Nationals place reliever Herrera on DL with shoulder injury

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nationals right-hander Kelvin Herrera was placed on the 10-day disabled list Wednesday with a right rotator cuff impingement, a move that further thins the back of Washington's bullpen.

The injury occurred Tuesday night in the ninth inning of a 3-1 loss to the Atlanta Braves. After allowing a two-run triple, Herrera was examined by a team trainer and left the game.

Nationals manager Dave Martinez said the problem is inflammation, stressing that there is no structural damage. He hopes Herrera can start to throw by the



In this July 4, 2018, file photo, Washington Nationals relief pitcher Kelvin Herrera walks towards the dugout after he was pulled during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Washington.

end of next week.

Washington already is without closer Sean Doolittle,

who's on the DL with a foot injury. Herrera, obtained in a trade with Kansas City

in June, was serving as the closer in Doolittle's absence.

Herrera was 1-2 with a 4.76 ERA and three saves in 19 games with the Nationals, who are chasing Philadelphia and Atlanta in the NL East.

With Doolittle and Herrera out, the closer becomes right-hander Ryan Madson, who's 2-4 with a 4.32 ERA and has converted four of six save opportunities.

"Madson is going to close, and the days he needs off, we'll figure it out," Martinez said.

Doolittle took the boot off his left foot Wednesday and threw gingerly. Although the Nationals certainly could use the left-

hander, who has 22 saves and a 1.45 ERA, they won't rush him back.

"We want to make sure he's healthy and nothing goes backward on him," Martinez said.

Washington recalled Koda Glover from Triple-A Syracuse. As a rookie last season, Glover notched eight saves in 23 games before rotator cuff tendinitis ended his season in June.

He developed a shoulder issue at spring training this year and pitched in eight games with Syracuse before the Nationals summoned him on Wednesday. "He's here to pitch," Martinez said. "He's ready to go. I'm excited that he's here." □

Lindor's 3-run homer in 9th gives Indians 5-2 win

By The Associated Press
CLEVELAND (AP) — Francisco Lindor connected for a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning as the Cleveland Indians again moved 10 games ahead of Minnesota in the AL Central with a 5-2 win over the Twins on Wednesday night.

Lindor, who struck out with the winning run at second base in the ninth in a loss on Tuesday, drove the first pitch from Trevor Hildenberger (2-3) over the wall in right to trigger a wild celebration.

Jason Kipnis singled with one out in the ninth before Twins right fielder Max Kepler robbed Yan Gomes of extra bases with a leaping catch before crashing into the wall. Brandon Guyer followed with a single to bring up Lindor, who capped a wild ninth inning with his 29th homer.

The All-Star shortstop skipped around the bases before being mobbed at home plate by his teammates.

Down 2-1, Minnesota tied it in the ninth on Miguel Sano's leadoff homer against Cody Allen (4-4), who wound up with a blown save and win.

RANGERS 11, MARINERS 7
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joey Gallo homered twice and drove in four runs, Yovani Gallardo won his fourth straight start and Texas held off Seattle.

Gallardo (7-1) leads the majors with seven wins since June 23. He allowed three hits, two runs and three walks while striking out two in six innings.

Gallo has hit 10 of his 31 homers in his past 19 games. He went 3 for 5 to raise his batting average above .200 for the first time since June 16.

Seattle starter Marco Gonzales (12-7) gave up career highs of 12 hits and seven runs in five innings.

Gallo's homers against Gonzales gave him 12 against left-handers this season, the most by a Tex-

as left-handed batter since Rafael Palmeiro hit 15 in 2003.

Mike Zunino hit two homers for the Mariners.

RED SOX 10, BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO (AP) — Rafael Devers returned from the disabled list and hit a two-run home run, Brian Johnson pitched a season-high seven innings to win his second straight start and Boston extended its winning streak to six games.

J.D. Martinez had three hits and Xander Bogaerts had three RBIs for the AL East-leading Red Sox.

Johnson (3-3) allowed five runs and six hits to earn his first career win over the Blue Jays. He walked two and struck out six.

Boston chased Blue Jays starter Mike Hauschild (1-1) with a four-run third inning.

YANKEES 7, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Luis Severino pitched seven effective innings in his first win in a month, Giancarlo Stanton hit his first grand slam in four years and New York finished a sweep of Chicago.

Aaron Hicks also homered as wild card-leading New York closed out a 3-4 trip with its third consecutive win. Gleyber Torres reached three times on a single and two walks.

Severino (15-5) retired 11 in a row after the White Sox used three straight hits to open a 2-0 lead in the first. White Sox right-hander Lucas Giolito (7-9) was tagged for seven runs and six hits in five innings in his first loss in a month.

ANGELS 6, TIGERS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Justin Upton and Albert Pujols hit back-to-back homers in the fifth inning, and Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of Detroit.

Kole Calhoun hit a leadoff homer and rookie Jaime Barria (7-7) pitched five-hit ball into the sixth. Los Angeles was in a 1-6 skid before getting back to .500 in the series with the struggling Tigers.

Upton connected on a full-count changeup from

Blaine Hardy (4-4) for a two-run homer shortly before Pujols added his 632nd career homer.

Mike Trout missed his seventh consecutive game with a sore right wrist, but the Angels are hopeful the two-time AL MVP can return against Oakland this weekend.

ROYALS 9, CUBS 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Heath Fillmyer allowed three singles over seven innings for his first major league win, Adalberto Mondesi and Drew Butera each drove in three, and Kansas City beat Chicago. Anthony Rizzo drilled Fillmyer (1-1) with a line drive on the left foot on his third pitch, but Fillmyer stuck around and didn't allow another hit until David Bote and Tommy La Stella singled with one out in the seventh inning.

Jose Quintana (10-8) dropped to 3-10 in 25 starts against the Royals. He was removed after Mondesi's homer, giving up five runs on six hits and two walks.

ORIOLES 5, RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Trey Mancini hit a go-ahead two-run double in the ninth inning, and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay despite committing five errors. It was the first time the Orioles committed five errors in a victory since June 9, 1983.

Sergio Romo (2-3) allowed consecutive hits to Mark Trumbo, Danny Valencia and Mancini in the ninth, the only three batters he faced. It was Romo's seventh blown save. Tampa Bay has played five straight one-run games and lost four of them.



Cleveland Indians' Francisco Lindor celebrates after hitting a walk-off three-run home run against the Minnesota Twins in a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

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Mike Wright Jr. (3-0) got two outs in relief, and Mychal Givens pitched the ninth for his third save. □

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"We've worked so hard to not only introduce the sport in underserved areas and grow our Play Ball initiative, our Breakthrough Series — our RBI program is in its third decade. The number of kids that we're putting uniforms on and introducing to the sport at a younger age — that definitely gets pushed to the wayside when (there is) something as controversial as a tweet that contains racist or misogynistic or homophobic language in it." Whatever progress baseball has made promoting inclusion, it took a backseat recently. Years-old racist, misogynistic and homophobic tweets from Milwaukee reliever Josh Hader were found during the All-Star Game. Then Atlanta pitcher Sean Newcomb and Washington shortstop Trea Turner had their own offensive tweets unearthed. The tweets were from well before those players reached the major leagues, but they raised uncomfortable questions for a sport still trying to increase participation among African-Americans. "I strongly believe people are going to move forward," Oakland slugger Khris Davis said. "There's never an easy answer. I think Major League Baseball's doing a fine job promoting baseball to black players."

Davis' father, Rodney, has done some work for the MLB Urban Youth Academy, and the younger Davis played for a travel team affiliated with the Academy. Programs like that received credit when MLB said the percentage of black players from the United States and Canada on opening day active rosters rose to 8.4 percent this year. That's the highest level since at least 2012, but still well below the percentage from the mid-1980s. A report around the start of the season found the sport was showing improvement with racial and gender hiring practices.

A team made up largely of black players from Washington's Mamie Johnson Little League qualified for a regional

tournament in Connecticut recently — a feel-good story for baseball in the aftermath of the offensive social media posts. The league began operation just a few years ago and has partnered with the Washington Nationals' youth academy.

Keith Barnes, the league's president, said he didn't think the kids were paying too much attention to the controversy over racist tweets. He certainly doesn't think it will affect their enjoyment of the sport.

"I think most of the work has to be done at the grassroots level to bring kids to the sport," Barnes said. "I don't think it's more on the major league level. It's more imperative that the community drive kids to play the sport."

Still, young athletes look up to major leaguers, and incidents like these can be damaging. Even before the tweets surfaced, a well-known major league pitching coach was fired for comments he made to a team employee. Chris Bosio, who was with the Detroit Tigers, later told USA Today he used the word "monkey" — but insisted he didn't say it in a racial or demeaning context.

Earlier this year, Jackie Robinson's daughter said she thought black baseball players were more reluctant to speak publicly about racial issues because they constitute a lower percentage of rosters than in some other sports. Dodgers manager Dave



In this Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, file photo, Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Sean Newcomb adjusts his cap in the dugout during the fourth inning of the second baseball game of the team's doubleheader against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park in Washington.

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Roberts said to him, the biggest lesson from the Twitter revelations was that actions have consequences. "I don't think it's a cultural problem. I think there's always something more that we can all do as individuals," Roberts said. "We all, in uniform, have a platform and opportunity to build people up. I can't speak for every individual but I know that I try to

choose my words wisely and really try to lift people up, whatever their race or sexual orientation is."

Bean wants to make it clear that this issue isn't just about the perils of social media.

"We need to get to the core of why young men find humor in disparaging comments. I think that that is something that permeates through every household across the

United States," said Bean, who came out as gay in 1999, four years after the end of his major league playing career. "The idea of just telling them to hurry up and delete an account, that's not finding a solution. That's perpetuating a situation that we want to eliminate 100 percent throughout the sport."

Bean said it was a "terrible day for baseball" each time more offending tweets were revealed — and the message organizations send to their players and fans is important.

"If this date in time is remembered for one of the most unfortunate weeks where it comes to baseball's relationship with social media and that of our players, sometimes you have to roll up your sleeves and try to find the best outcome moving forward," Bean said. "If it can make everybody take a beat and realize just how damaging those words can be to the fans that look up to our players, then maybe it will be a learning experience that none of us will ever forget." □



In this Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, file photo, Washington Nationals' Trea Turner prepares to bat during a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds at Nationals Park in Washington.

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Ruck wins 200 at Pan Pacific, Ledecky gets 3rd

By STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Taylor Ruck almost psyched herself out before the race even started.

Knowing she was swimming against five-time Olympic champion Katie Ledecky in the 200-meter freestyle on Thursday at the Pan Pacific Championships, the Canadian had to calm herself down as she readied to dive into the pool.

"It's the name, I guess, because she is the fastest woman on the planet in a lot of races," Ruck said of the American great. "My coach kind of saw that, so he told me to focus on my lane and my race."

And there's another factor. Almost everyone is already thinking about the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo and using this event as a trial run. Ruck won the 200 in 1 minute, 54.44 seconds, just ahead of Japanese rival Rikako Ikee. Ledecky was third in 1:55.15. Ledecky won this event two years ago at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics — and the 400 and 800, too — though it probably is her weakest



Canada's Taylor Ruck, left, reacts on the podium after winning the women's 200m freestyle final with third placed Katie Ledecky of the US at the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Tokyo, Japan, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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race. She was second in the 200 a year ago at the world championships in Budapest.

It wasn't a lost day. Ledecky took the 800 in 8:09.13 — the fifth fastest on record — and will be the favorite in the 400 during the four-day event in Tokyo, the biggest meet of the year for most swimmers around the Pacific Rim.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Ledecky said. "It's a tough double. I've done it a number of times, but it's always a difficult thing. I really put a lot of work into not having that happen again. But I still have two more years to go until the big show here in Tokyo."

American teammate Lilly King did her thing. The Olympic champion in Rio

again won the 100 breaststroke, this time in 1:05.44. Not her best time, but she'll take it.

"I'm just trying to take it year by year, but I do feel it's a little bit of a rehearsal for the Olympics since we're in the same city," King said. "I'm just trying to get used to the culture and things like that. But the Olympics are always in the back of my

mind."

King hasn't lost this race since 2015.

"It's definitely my baby," she said. "I don't know how I would take losing, so I'm just trying to keep winning."

Host nation Japan won twice. Yasuhiro Koseki took the men's 100 breaststroke, and Yui Ohashi won the women's 400 individual medley.

Australia's sole victory was in the mixed medley relay. China has sent fewer swimmers and is focusing instead on the Asian Games later this month in Jakarta, Indonesia. Other American winners included Jordan Wilimovsky in the 1,500, Townley Hass in the 200 freestyle, and Chase Kalisz in the men's 400 individual medley. He beat out Olympic champion Kosuke Hagino and Rio bronze medalist Daiya Seto. Kalisz took silver in Rio. The Pan Pacs are being held in the Tatsumi International Swimming Center, which will be used for water polo at the next Olympics. A new aquatic center is about 35 percent complete, located just a short walk away. □

Predators GM Poile tops U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame class

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

David Poile will be honored this winter for a lifetime in hockey. He believes he still has plenty left to do.

The Nashville Predators general manager is the headliner for the 2018 class of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Former University of Michigan coach Red Berenson, three-time Olympic medalist Natalie Darwitz, retired NHL referee Paul Stewart, Poile and the late Leland "Hago" Harrington will be inducted on Dec. 12 at a ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I'm very motivated," Poile said on a conference call Thursday. "Honestly, it's things like this that motivate you."

Poile has run an NHL team the past 36 seasons, including 15 with the Washington Capitals and 21 with the Predators. He has the most victories of any GM in league history. The U.S. won a silver medal at the 2010 Olympics with Poile as assistant GM, and he was GM of the 2014 Olympic team.

And the 68-year-old isn't done yet. He knows expansion is in the NHL's future, brought up the possibility of a future division in Europe and added he'd like to continue to be a part of USA Hockey in the years to come.

"It's just a great, great game," Poile said. "I don't really see myself not doing something in hockey. I

know it can't last forever, but there's a lot to be accomplished."

Poile and Berenson were born in Canada and went on to make significant impacts on hockey in the United States. Berenson coached Michigan for 33 seasons, taking the Wolverines the NCAA Tournament 22 straight times and reaching the Frozen Four 11 times.

Darwitz was the youngest player on the U.S. national women's team at 15 in 1999 and won three Olympic silver medals. She set the career scoring record at Minnesota (246 points) and the single-season NCAA record.

Stewart officiated 1,059 NHL regular-season and



In this June 21, 2017, file photo, David Poile, general manager of the Nashville Predators, poses with the NHL General Manager of the Year Award after winning the honor at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas.

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playoff games. He's the only American to play and referee in the NHL. Harrington was the first

American-developed player to record a hat trick and skated in 66 NHL games. He died in 1959. □

Samsung plans \$22 billion for artificial intelligence, autos

By **YOUKYUNG LEE**

AP Technology Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

Samsung Electronics plans to spend a whopping \$22 billion over the next three years on artificial intelligence, auto components and other future businesses as the company maps out its strategy under the restored leadership of Vice Chairman Lee Jae-yong after he was freed from prison.

The announcement Wednesday by South Korea's biggest business group was welcome news, coming at a time of deepening unease over slowing growth in Asia's fourth largest economy. It also highlights that South Korea's decades-old reliance on big businesses for jobs and investments is unlikely to end anytime soon since the country lacks a strong pool of small and medium-sized companies found in Japan or Germany.

Samsung said it will spend the sum, amounting to 25 trillion won, on increasing the number of artificial intelligence researchers to 1,000 at its artificial intelligence centers around the world, ensuring it will be a global player in next-generation telecoms technology called 5G and on deepening its involvement in electronic components for future cars.

"Samsung expects innovations powered by AI technology will drive the industry's transformation,



In this April 6, 2018, file photo, an employee walks past logos of the Samsung Electronics Co. at its office in Seoul, South Korea.

while the next-generation 5G telecommunications technology will create new opportunities in autonomous driving, the Internet of Things (IoT) and robotics," the company said in a statement.

Some of the funding will go to Samsung's biopharmaceutical businesses. Samsung has been beefing up its contract drug making operations to help counter a potential decline in its mainstay electronics businesses.

South Korea relies heavily on Samsung and its affiliated companies for investment and jobs, even after a corruption scandal that resulted in Lee's conviction for bribery. Lee was

freed after nearly a year in jail but former President Park Geun-hye and a close associate remain imprisoned for bribery and other charges.

Lee kept a low profile after his release in February but has been emerging in his public role in recent weeks. The most notable appearance was in India, where Lee met with President Moon Jae-in and Samsung announced plans to expand its smartphone production there.

Including the latest plan, spending by Samsung Electronics and its affiliates on research and development and capital expenditures over the next three years will amount to 180 tril-

lion won (\$161 billion), Samsung said. Of that total, 130 trillion won will stay in South Korea, the company said. The rest will likely be distributed to China, Vietnam and other production lines overseas.

Samsung also said Wednesday that it plans to create 20,000 more jobs over the next three years, on top of a previously announced 20,000 new jobs. The new investment is expected to indirectly lead to about 700,000 jobs in related industries and businesses in South Korea, Samsung said without giving a time frame. No company in South Korea can match Samsung's scale in investment or job creation. But

even by Samsung's standard, the size of the investment announced Wednesday was huge. In 2010, under the leadership of Lee's father, Lee Kun-hee, who was then in charge of the group, Samsung had said it would spend 23 trillion won over the following 10 years on future businesses.

South Korean voters weary of scandals and critical of big businesses like Samsung elected President Moon to replace Park after she was ousted.

Moon pledged to reform outdated practices and abuses in politics and in business and appointed a critic of big conglomerates, known as "chaebols," to lead South Korea's fair-trade commission.

Such moves raised hopes for change, but more than a year after taking office Moon's administration is facing mounting criticism over its handling of the economy. Youth unemployment rates are at historic highs and exports, apart from the booming memory chip sector, have been slow to recover. Moon's approval rates have fallen to around 60 percent for the first time, the lowest level since he took office.

Samsung's investment announcement came two days after the finance minister visited a Samsung computer chip factory, where he touted Samsung's importance in South Korea's economy. □



In this Tuesday, July 19, 2016 file photo, Alex Jones, center right, is escorted by police out of a crowd of protesters outside the Republican convention in Cleveland.

By **KELVIN CHAN**

AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Twitter

CEO Jack Dorsey defended his company's decision not to ban right-wing con-

Twitter CEO defends decision not to ban Alex Jones, Infowars

spiracy theorist Alex Jones and his "Infowars" show, as many other social media platforms have done, saying he did not break any rules. Facebook,

Apple, YouTube and Spotify took down over the past week material published by Jones, reflecting more aggressive enforcement of their hate speech policies after rising online backlash and raising pressure on Twitter to do the same. Jones' Facebook account

has also been suspended for 30 days but he still has a "verified" Twitter account. A separate Twitter account for "Infowars" is also still running.

We didn't suspend Alex Jones or Infowars yesterday," Dorsey said in a series of tweets late Tuesday. "We know that's hard for many but the reason is simple: he hasn't violated our rules. We'll enforce if he does." Dorsey said Twitter did not want to take "one-off ac-

tions to make us feel good in the short term, and adding fuel to new conspiracy theories." He said he wanted the company to avoid succumbing to outside pressure but instead impartially enforce straightforward principles "regardless of political viewpoints." He also linked to a blog post Tuesday by the company's vice president for trust and safety, Del Harvey, outlining the company's policies. □

Spa and beauty industry campaign hopes to fill 30,000 jobs

By BETH J. HARPAZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The spa and beauty industry is growing so fast that 30,000 jobs are going unfilled. A "Get Your Dream Job" campaign is aiming to change that.

Lynnelle Lynch is president of Beauty Changes Lives, a foundation committed to "elevating the perception of careers in beauty and wellness and make it a first choice," she said. The foundation provides scholarships from \$1,000 to \$15,000, and spas and salons across the country are helping to get out the message.

The campaign was a focus of the annual International Spa Association show held Tuesday in New York to showcase trends, treatments and new spas.

Spas are now a \$17.5 billion industry in the United States, up 4 percent in a year, according to iSPA statistics, with 187 million visits to spas in nearly 22,000 locations, and more than 370,000 employees, about half of them full-time.

"We're opening our fifth Kohler Water Spa in Chicago next year as a result of how hot the industry is right now," said Garrett Mersberger, director of wellness and Kohler Water Spas at Kohler, a Wisconsin-based



Becky Delsanto, from Borbolyta, applies eye lash extensions in the Beauty Changes Lives exhibit, at annual International Spa Association event, New York, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

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company.

Mersberger is also chairman of the iSPA board, and noted that the industry's record-breaking boom includes "spa visits at an all-time high," along with record average revenue of nearly \$94 per customer visit.

Lynch emphasized that the industry welcomes workers in every stage of life, from students just out of high school to older workers looking for new opportunities, to those returning to

the workforce after raising kids — along with military spouses looking for skills they can take with them if they move.

But Lynch feels the industry does not always get the respect it deserves. She even encourages parents to get kids considering careers in the industry if college isn't the right fit.

"If they're creative, if they love wellness, if they love beauty, why not allow them to take an alternative path?" she said. "The skills

are portable. And it's short term — five months to a year — to get this training." Jobs include aestheticians who provide facial skin care and body treatments, and cosmetologists who do hair styling, makeup and nails. Lynch pointed out that celebrities often owe their looks to "people behind the scenes," and that beauty school is a good steppingstone for entrepreneurial-minded professionals to launch products or open salons.

As an example of a behind-the-scenes profession that's booming, an eyelash artist from Borboleta, the largest educator of lash artists in the world, was at the spa show to demonstrate the application of lash extensions. Borboleta trains nearly 3,000 lash artists annually in beauty schools across North America and Brazil.

"Consumers will pay \$200 to \$500 for a lash service, with \$75 to \$200 for a fill (lash maintenance) every two to three weeks," said Kainoa Clark, vice president of marketing for Borboleta. "We're one of the fastest-growing segments within the beauty industry and it's still in its infancy."

Other spa show participants included:

—Hippocrates Health Institute, West Palm Beach, Florida, demonstrating "vibrational sound therapy" with the resonating sounds of a didgeridoo, the long wooden Australian aboriginal wind instrument, blown on the skin.

—Yo1 Luxury Nature Cure, a new \$300 million property with 136 guest rooms that opened in June on the grounds of the defunct Kutscher's Resort in Monticello, New York, in the Catskills. Programs and services include yoga and aryuvedic massage. □

US producer prices flat in July, restraining inflation

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON (AP)

— U.S. wholesale prices were unchanged in July after two months of large increases, a sign inflation pressures may have softened.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the producer price index — which measures price changes before they reach the consumer — increased 3.3 percent last month from a year earlier. That's down slightly from 3.4 percent in June, which was the biggest in six years.

Gas prices and other energy costs fell after two months of strong gains, and food costs also declined. The price of soybeans and other oilseeds fell 14 percent, the most in four years,

likely reflecting a buildup in soybean stocks after China imposed tariffs on them in retaliation for U.S. duties.

With the economy growing at a healthy clip, inflation has perked up after nearly a decade of mostly tame prices. Higher gas prices have been the main catalyst, but they have leveled off in recent weeks. The average price nationwide for a gallon of gas was \$2.87 Thursday, according to AAA. That's the same as a month earlier. Still, the Trump administration's trade fights with major trading partners, including the European Union, Canada and Mexico as well as China, could lift prices further if more duties are imposed.

The consumer price index increased 2.9 percent in June from a year earlier, also the largest in six years. The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge has risen at a more muted pace, increasing 2.2 percent in the past year. The Fed targets 2 percent inflation to protect against deflation, a destabilizing trend that leads to lower prices and incomes. Price increases were below 2 percent for six years, according to the Fed's gauge. The Fed is raising the short-term interest rate it controls in an effort to keep inflation in check. Fed policymakers have increased the rate five times in the past three years, to between 1.75 percent and

2 percent. They have indicated they will hike twice more this year. A drop in wholesale service prices, including airline fares and hospital care, offset a slight increase in wholesale goods costs to leave producer prices unchanged in July. That followed gains of

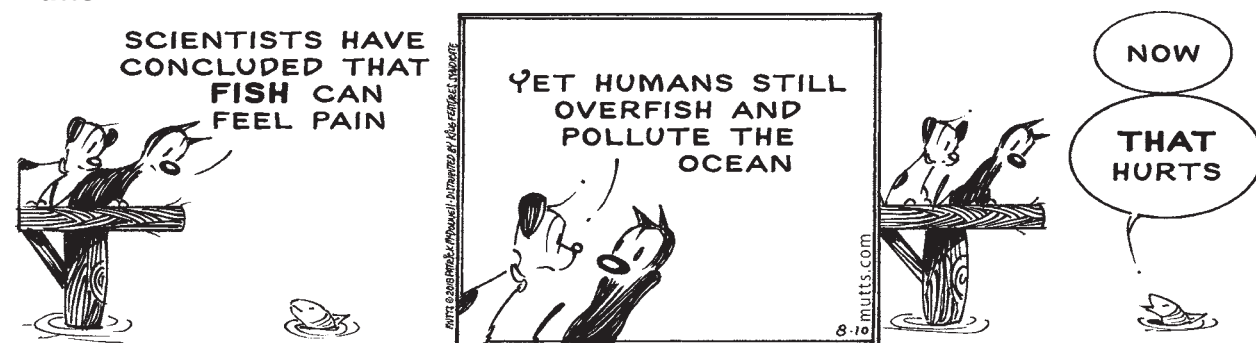
0.3 percent in June and 0.5 percent in May. Still, goods prices rose 4.5 percent in July from a year earlier, the strongest gain in six and a half years, led by higher costs for new cars and pharmaceuticals. Services costs have increased 2.6 percent in the past year. □




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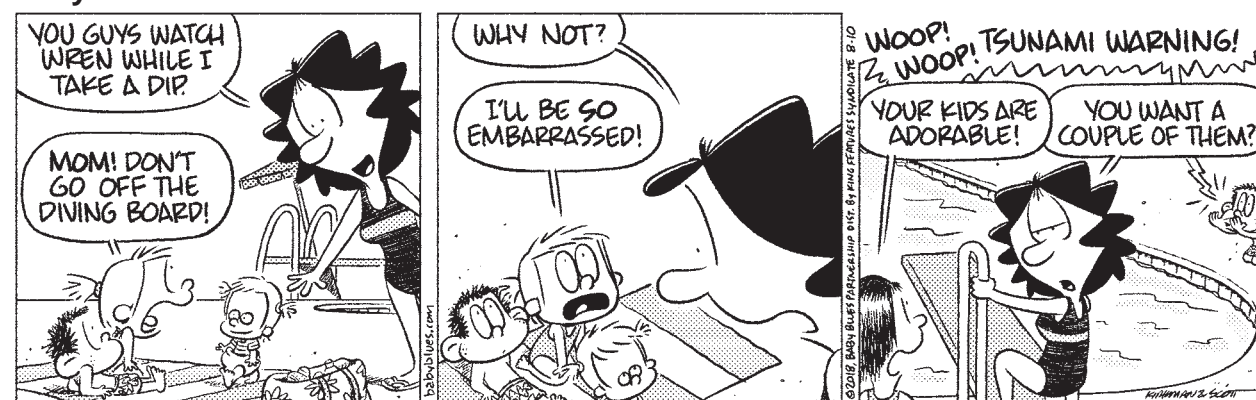
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- Game venue
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- Fibbed
- Goose eggs
- No longer together
- Suffix for Nepal or Japan
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- People and ostriches
- Adolescents
- Derek & others
- "All ___!", train conductor's cry
- Hats for bishops
- Upper rooms
- Baez & Rivers
- In one ___ and out the other
- Experts
- "Nothing ___!", firm refusal
- Prefix for legal or medic
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- "The ___ are alive with the sound of music..."
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African refugee grows homeland's bitter eggplants in Vermont

By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AP) — After surviving refugee camps in Africa, Janine Ndagijimana settled in Vermont and began to dream of farming.

When she considered what to plant, she thought back to her time in Tanzania and settled on the African eggplant, also called bitter ball or garden egg. It wasn't found in Vermont, and she remembered how it garnered a good price at the refugee market.

These days, Ndagijimana's farming of the oblong white fruit and other varieties has turned her into a refugee success story in Vermont, one of the least culturally or racially diverse states, with a population that's 95 percent white. She's part of a growing number of farmers from other parts of the world who have used social media, the internet and niche markets often in big cities to successfully sell crops native to their home countries. She grows eggplants on 3 acres (1.2 hectares) of land on two plots in Burlington and Colchester, one of which was leased to her for free by a local farmer.

"This is to support the family," she said through an interpreter as she stood on a hot afternoon in the farm field just a week before she was expected to deliver her sixth child.

She said she's hoping when the business gets bigger she can use the money she makes to send her kids to college.

The 38-year-old Ndagijimana's success goes well beyond Vermont. Since she planted her first crop in 2013, she has sold her 5,000-pound (2,270-kilogram) harvest through the mail to Africans in Arizona, Texas, Utah, Michigan and Idaho.

Her business is spread by word of mouth. Other customers come to pick up the harvest themselves. One Florida man was expected recently to pick up 2,500



In this July 25, 2018 photo, Janine Ndagijimana displays African eggplant also called bitter ball or garden egg, harvested from her field in Colchester, Vt.

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pounds (1,130 kilograms) of eggplant, which he planned to resell.

Other refugee communities also are growing and selling native crops around the U.S., according to the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Arlington, Virginia. For example, Burmese and Bhutanese farmers are raising and selling eggplants, peppers and herbs in Lowell, Massachusetts, and Syrian and Iraqi refugees are growing peppers and mint in Dearborn, Michigan, said Lee Williams, the committee's senior vice president.

"It's good community building," Williams said. "Obviously it's important to us that our clients have access to nutritious food, and having food that's familiar

to our clients is great."

African eggplant, an important crop in several African countries, can be found in some urban areas, such as in Minneapolis, where Hmung farmers grow it for mostly African customers. A refugee from Liberia, Morris Gbolo, grows it among other West African vegetables in Buena Vista, New Jersey, and sends it to customers around the U.S.

"It is what we love eating, you know," he said of the fruit, which is more bitter than the purple-skinned variety. "This is our native food."

Before arriving in the United States in 2007, Ndagijimana knew only life in a refugee camp. She was born in one in Rwanda to parents from neighboring Burundi. □



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Walrus bones provide clues to fate of lost Viking colony

By CHRISTINA LARSON

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clues to the mystery of why Viking colonies in Greenland flourished and fell have been found in the DNA of medieval walrus bones housed in more than a dozen European museums.

For almost 500 years, the Norse descendants of Erik the Red built churches and manor homes and expanded their settlements on the icy fringes of European civilization. On Greenland, they had elaborate stone churches with bronze bells and stained glass, a monastery, and their own bishop. Their colonies at one time supported more than 2,000 people.

And then they vanished. Scholars have long wondered why. "Why did they flourish and why did they disappear?" asked Thomas McGovern, an anthropologist at Hunter College in New York. "And did their greatest success also contain the seeds of their demise?"

Researchers who visited museums across western Europe to assemble a rare pile of artifacts — fragments of medieval walrus



This 2009 photo provided by Christian Koch Madsen shows the ruins of the Hvalsey Church, part of an abandoned Viking colony, in southern Greenland.

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skulls — reported in a study in Wednesday's Proceedings of the Royal Society B that the fate of these medieval outposts may have been tied to the demand for walrus ivory among rich Europeans.

The study revealed that during the height of the Norse settlement — from about 1120 to 1400 — at least 80 percent of the wal-

rus samples were directly sourced from Greenland.

"It's possible that almost all the walrus ivory in western Europe during the High Middle Ages came from Greenland," said Bastiaan Star, a scientist at the University of Oslo and one of the study's authors. "This result tells a very clear story." A dozen years ago, many historians believed that the

changing climate of medieval Europe was the main reason Norse settlements in Greenland expanded and went extinct. This view was popularized in Jared Diamond's 2005 book "Collapse."

But evidence such as walrus bones at archaeological sites in Greenland and historical documents — including church records of

tithes paid in walrus tusks — suggested another possible factor: that the Vikings' descendants thrived on a lucrative trade in walrus tusks, which were sold to Europe's elite and carved into luxury items, such as ivory crucifixes, knife handles, and fancy dice and chess sets. Archaeologists suspected that famous ivory artifacts from the Middle Ages — such as the Lewis Chessmen, a set of expressive and intricately carved statuettes from the 12th century now housed in the British Museum in London — were made from walrus tusks from Greenland. But they could not get permission to bore into these precious artifacts for genetic analysis. James Barrett, another study author and an archaeologist at the University of Cambridge, was "opening dusty boxes and poring through museum catalogues" in galleries in Norway, France, Germany, Ireland, and the UK when he realized that the tusks were often sold attached to fragments of walrus skulls — and that the bone could provide the DNA he needed. □



In this Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 file photo, Michelle Flandez stands in her home with her two-month-old son Inti Perez, who is diagnosed with microcephaly linked to the mosquito-borne Zika virus, in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

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Study: 1 in 7 children of Zika-infected moms have problems

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One out of every seven babies born to U.S. mothers who were infected with Zika during pregnancy developed some kind of health problem, according to the first long-term look at those children.

Tuesday's study focused on the children of women in Puerto Rico and other territories, where most of the U.S. cases were seen when the disease swept across the Americas more than two years ago.

Most people infected with Zika don't get sick. In others, it can cause a mild illness, with fever, rash and joint pain. But infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth

defects.

Earlier studies focused on those birth defects. The new research is unique in that it's a large study that looked for conditions that became apparent only later, said Margaret Honein of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of the authors.

The researchers looked at 1,450 kids who were at least 1 year old and whose mothers were infected with Zika while pregnant. Most were in Puerto Rico, but the count included American Samoa, the Marshall Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Micronesia.

Of those children, 6 percent had birth defects, such as abnormally small heads, damaged brains or eye irregularities. That's

about 30 times what's seen in children generally.

The percentage rose to 14 when the researchers also counted later-developing problems possibly caused by Zika, including seizures, developmental delays and difficulty swallowing or moving. Researchers also found that not enough kids were being checked for problems. For example, only about a third received recommended eye exams by a specialist, half got a hearing evaluation, and less than two-thirds got brain scans.

Medical services have been disrupted at times in hurricane-battered Puerto Rico. Still, it means kids who need therapy or treatment may not be getting it, Honein said. □



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Shooter Jennings makes a left turn back to '80s country

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

As the son of two iconic country musicians, Waylon Jennings and Jessi Colter, Shooter Jennings was always trying to be unpredictable in his own career as a musician and producer.

He's recorded psychedelic metal and hard rock, released a concept album written with horror writer Stephen King and a tribute album to electronic disco pioneer Giorgio Moroder. So maybe the most unexpected thing he could do was make a classic, honky-tonk country record.

"I think in the past I've always felt like this desire to prove that I was not just country," 39-year-old Jennings said from his home in Los Angeles, where he's lived for 18 years. "At this point for me, I felt like it was a left turn to do a really country record."

Jennings really can't escape his country roots, but he felt the timing was right to revisit the genre's earlier era, specifically the heyday of '80 country music, on his new record "Shooter," out on Friday.



In this July 16, 2018 photo, singer-songwriter Shooter Jennings, poses for a portrait in Los Angeles to promote his latest album, "Shooter," out on August 10.

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"I just also kind of felt like there was a large disenfranchised group of country fans that maybe were a little tired of the politics or a little tired of where the direction of things were going," Jennings said.

He connected back with Dave Cobb, the producer who worked on his first country record "Put the 'O' Back in Country" in 2005, and whose Grammy-win-

ning work with Jason Isbell and Chris Stapleton in recent years has made him one of the most in-demand producers in Nashville, Tennessee.

"That was my first successful country record," Cobb said. "That's how I came to Nashville for the first time. I didn't know a lot about country music before meeting him." Jennings and Cobb were both producing Brandi Car-

lile's critically acclaimed new album, "By the Way, I Forgive You," when they started throwing out song ideas with each other and the decision to do another record fell out of that, Cobb said.

One of the songs, "Do You Love Texas," is an ode to the Lone Star State, and features a chorus of singers, including Kris Kristofferson, Kacey Musgraves, Ray

Benson and more, shouting "Hell yeah!" The song was released as a charity single last year to raise money for Hurricane Harvey relief.

"We felt like it was the perfect opportunity to give something back to Texas, so we called everyone we knew and loved and got them to record phone message and send it in," said Cobb.

He peppers the record with rollicking good time tunes, like "D.R.U.N.K." and "Bound Ta Git Down," in which Jennings tries his best Jerry Lee Lewis impression while he sings about playing with Guns n' Roses at the age of 23 and living in the Hollywood Hills.

"Anything I write is going to be autobiographical and true to some degree," Jennings said.

But there's also the crying-in-your-beer songs as well, such as "Living in a Minor Key," a beautiful waltzy tribute to the late George Jones, and a love song for his wife Misty on "Rhinestone Eyes."

"He's made rock records. He's made country records," Cobb said. "But I think his sweet spot is the record we just made." □

'Superman' actress Margot Kidder's death ruled a suicide

By MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — "Superman" actress Margot Kidder's death has been ruled a suicide, and her daughter said Wednesday it's a relief to finally have the truth out.

Kidder, who played Lois Lane opposite Christopher Reeve's Superman in her most famous role, was found by a friend in her Montana home on May 13. At the time, Kidder's manager, Camilla Fluxman Pines, said Kidder died peacefully in her sleep.

A statement released Wednesday by Park County coroner Richard Wood said the 69-year-old Kidder "died as a result of a self-inflicted drug and alcohol overdose" and that no further details would be released.



In this Oct. 3, 2000 file photo, actress Margot Kidder, who dated former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, arrives for his funeral at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal.

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Maggie McGuane, Kidder's daughter by her ex-hus-

band Thomas McGuane, told The Associated Press

in a phone interview that she knew her mother died

by suicide the moment authorities took her to Kidder's home in Livingston, a small town near Yellowstone National Park.

"It's a big relief that the truth is out there," she said. "It's important to be open and honest so there's not a cloud of shame in dealing with this." Kidder's death is one of several high-profile suicides this year that include celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain and fashion designer Kate Spade.

McGuane noted that Montana has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation and she urged people with mental illness to seek help.

"It's a very unique sort of grief and pain," McGuane said. "Knowing how many families in this state go through this, I wish that I could reach out to each one of them." □

Shark thriller 'The Meg' goes deep, stays shallow

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

We're going to need a bigger boat for all these shark movies.

On the tail of "The Shallows," "47 Meters Down," "Dark Tide" and, of course, the seminal "Sharknado," comes "The Meg," the latest in a growing school of shark movies, all of which, to varying degrees, use our fond memories of "Jaws" as bait to reel us back in the water again.

The hook on this one? Bigger shark.

To my disappointment, the title of "The Meg" does not refer to Meg Ryan (though it's nice to imagine an action movie revolving around Jason Statham making precarious escapes from the "When Harry Met Sally..." star). No, the titular Meg of Jon Turteltaub's thriller is the Megalodon, which sounds like either a "Transformers" character or a heavy metal band.

It is, in fact, a prehistoric underwater dinosaur, a kind of supersized shark that went extinct more than 2 million years ago. Accord-



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Jason Statham in a scene from the film, "The Meg."

ing to scientists, they could grow up to 60 feet long. According to Hollywood producers, it's more like 75 feet or more. In "The Meg," a Megalodon's dorsal fin sticking out from the water looks from afar like a catamaran.

Naturally, history could not keep such a predator so perfect for today's movies all to itself, especially when one could be strategically found somewhere in the Pacific, conveniently close to the world's second largest movie market, China. Based on Steve Alten's "Meg: A Novel of Deep Ter-

ror," "The Meg" has been in development for some two decades, only to finally emerge as American-Chinese hybrid production.

A state-of-the-art underwater research facility, bankrolled by a cocky young billionaire (Rainn Wilson), uncovers a deeper realm of the Mariana Trench that has for centuries been separated from the rest of the ocean by a cloudy, cold membrane. Soon after a research expedition pushes through the layer in a submersible, they are attacked by an unseen creature, cutting them off from

the base above.

For the rescue mission, 11,000 meters down, the team reluctantly turns to the only expert at such a deep dive: Jonas Taylor (Statham). The chief researcher, Dr. Minway Zhang (Winston Chao), elects to quickly bring Taylor out of retirement (he's living above a bar in Thailand) against the warnings of Dr. Heller (Robert Taylor), who believes Taylor reckless for an earlier deep-water nuclear submarine rescue where as many died as lived.

Statham, the sleek, gravelly

voiced action star, is lured back underwater because one of the three people trapped — Lori (Jessica McNamee) — happens to be his ex-wife. With remarkably little trouble, he goes from boozing in Thailand to easily piloting a vessel straight down to the seafloor. Statham, sometimes a one-man show, here has a fairly large ensemble around him, one assembled to appeal to moviegoers both East and West. Chinese actress Li Bingbing stars as the divorced single-mother daughter of Dr. Zhang, and Taylor's love interest. Also in the mix as crew members are Ruby Rose ("Orange is the New Black") and Page Kennedy.

But the main draw in "The Meg" is obviously the giant shark which, after years stuck at the bottom of the sea, is awfully hungry.

There are the expected close scrapes, surprisingly good production design, PG-13 rated chomplings and fluctuating levels of even giant-shark-movie plausibility. □

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Solid twists keep plot churning in 'Prisoner in the Castle'

By OLIVE H. COGDILL
Associated Press

"The Prisoner in the Castle" (Bantam), by Susan Elia MacNeal

One pleasure of a mystery series is connecting with

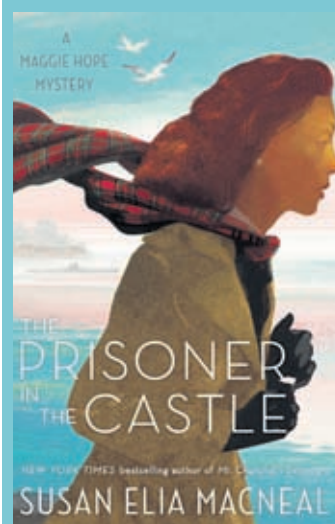
a character that changes and grows with each novel. Maggie Hope, the heroine of Susan Elia MacNeal's World War II novels, is a different woman in this eighth outing, "The Prisoner in the Castle," than she was in the 2012 Edgar-nominated debut, "Mr. Churchill's Secretary."

Starting as a typist for Winston Churchill, Maggie has become a full-fledged spy, working for the Special Operations Executive (SOE), the hush-hush organization created by Churchill to "set Europe ablaze." But at the end of 1942, the spy business turns against special agent Maggie when she is sent to a former Victorian hunting lodge on the tiny, remote Isle of Scarra, nicknamed the Forbidden Island, located hundreds of miles from the mainland

of Scotland.

The place is supposed to be a secret British training center but is really a prison for top agents whose supervisors worry they could leak vital information or have weaknesses that could be exploited by the enemy. They can't leave — or communicate with the outside world — and none of their friends or family knows where they are. But the 10 agents hardly feel like they are in jail as they roam the grounds freely and are served excellent meals by the three servants who live at the lodge.

But then the agents — all of whom have been trained to kill — are being murdered, and it is obvious that one of them is putting to practice his — or her — background. □



This cover image released by Bantam shows "The Prisoner in the Castle," a mystery by Susan Elia MacNeal.

Casey Affleck on new film, his Oscars absence and MeToo

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With a new movie coming out this fall, "The Old Man & The Gun," Casey Affleck is speaking publicly about bowing out of presenting the best actress Oscar and past harassment allegations against him amid the #MeToo and Time's Up movements.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Affleck reflects on the Oscars, the film, which will premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, and past harassment allegations against him in light of #MeToo, apologizing for allowing an unprofessional atmosphere on set which led to two civil lawsuits from women he worked with that were later settled.

Excerpts from the conversation, Affleck's first interview in a year, have been edited for clarity and brevity. A video of the interview can be seen here: <http://apne.ws/LZLm50A>.

AP: What do you like about this film?

AFFLECK: I love David (Lowery), I love working for David and it's my third movie with him and he always assembles a really nice group of people around him. It's such a nice experience to watch one of his movies. They all have a very gentle quality to them... And Robert Redford, what is there to say? He's a legend, an incredibly sweet guy and just sharp as a tack. It was lovely working with him.

AP: The last time we spoke you were promoting another David Lowery film, "A Ghost Story." What have you been up to in the last year?

AFFLECK: I made "The Old Man & the Gun," I made another movie called "Light of My Life," and I've just been spending the rest of the time with my kids and my girlfriend and just trying to squeeze in a little bit of life. And if I'm not promoting a movie, I'm not going to do any press, so that's why you haven't heard from me.

AP: You also earlier this year made the decision to step



In this Aug. 3, 2018 photo, actor Casey Affleck poses for portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles to promote his upcoming film "The Old Man & The Gun," in theaters on Sept. 28. Associated Press

away from presenting the best actress award at the Oscars. Why did you do that?

AFFLECK: I think it was the right thing to do just given everything that was going on in our culture at the moment. And having two incredible women go present the best actress award felt like the right thing.

AP: During your best actor Oscar campaign for "Manchester By the Sea," allegations resurfaced regarding two civil lawsuits from the making of your film "I'm Still Here," that were settled in 2010. But we haven't heard from you since #MeToo and Time's Up became a big talking point in the culture. Has that made you reflect on or reevaluate anything about the experience or the atmosphere on that set?

AFFLECK: First of all, that I was ever involved in a conflict that resulted in a lawsuit is something that I really regret. I wish I had found a way to resolve things in a different way. I hate that. I had never had any complaints like that made

about me before in my life and it was really embarrassing and I didn't know how to handle it and I didn't agree with everything, the way I was being described, and the things that were said about me, but I wanted to try to make it right, so we made it right in the way that was asked at the time. And we all agreed to just try to put it behind us and move on with our lives, which I think we deserve to do, and I want to respect them as they've respected me and my privacy. And that's that.

Over the past couple of years, I've been listening a lot to this conversation, and learned a lot. I kind of moved from a place of being defensive to one of a more mature point of view, trying to find my own culpability. And once I did that I discovered there was a lot to learn. I was a boss. I was one of the producers on the set. This movie was (shot in 2008, 2009) and I was one of the producers. And it was a crazy mockumentary, (a) very uncon-

ventional movie. The cast was the crew and the crew was kind of the cast and it was an unprofessional environment and, you know, the buck had to stop with me being one of the producers and I have to accept responsibility for that and that was a mistake. And I contributed to that unprofessional environment and I tolerated that kind of behavior from other people and I wish that I hadn't. And I regret a lot of that. I really did not know what I was responsible for as the boss. I don't even know if I thought of myself as the boss. But I behaved in a way and allowed others to behave in a way that was really unprofessional. And I'm sorry.

AP: I know you talked last year about taking your kids to women's marches and trying to educate them. Is there anything that has come up since #MeToo and Time's Up emerged in the culture?

AFFLECK: Well I've taken these lessons with me that I've learned not just to work but to home and as dad and it informs how you parent. I have two boys so I want to be in a world where grown men model compassion and decency and also contrition when it's called for, and I certainly tell them to own their mistakes when they make them.

AP: You're also a boss, you have a production company, Sea Change Media, and you've directed your first film since "I'm Still Here" too. Can you talk about how you have evolved and changed to create a safe working environment for people who work for you?

AFFLECK: I think that, there's been a lot of talk about new things in regards to the workplace and I have this production company and this very, very smart woman runs it with me and she's been way ahead of the curve on all of these issues. But I think bigger picture, in this business women have been underrepresented and underpaid and objectified and diminished and humiliated and belittled

in a bazillion ways and just generally had a mountain of grief thrown at them forever. And no one was really making too much of a fuss about it, myself included, until a few women with the kind of courage and wisdom to stand up and say, "You know what? Enough is enough." Those are the people who are kind of leading this conversation and should be leading the conversation. And I know just enough to know that in general I need to keep my mouth shut and listen and try to figure out what's going on and be a supporter and a follower in the little, teeny tiny ways that I can. And we do that at our production company and I try to do it at home, and if I'm ever called upon by anyone to help in any way and contribute, I'd be more than happy to.

AP: Your "Manchester by the Sea" director Kenneth Lonergan had implied that you had been treated unfairly. Do you have any response to that?

AFFLECK: Whether I have or haven't, I think that there are people in the world who deal with much greater hardship than that. And they do so without complaint. So I don't think I need to say anything else about it.

AP: And at your production company, what sort of projects are you looking for and what sort of filmmakers are you looking to shepherd?

AFFLECK: Whitaker (Lader), who runs the company, does all the good work and then I kind of make some noise on the sidelines too. We're trying to find people who can tell stories that we don't usually see in mainstream pop culture, movies, media, Hollywood, with storytellers who need a hand. □



Old stone buildings and trendy cafes: The port city of Jaffa

By TALI ARBEL

JAFFA, Israel (AP) — Just south of Tel Aviv's glass towers and concrete houses are the white stone buildings of Jaffa, the ancient port town.

Jaffa has existed for thousands of years, but today it is one unified city with Tel Aviv, which was founded in 1909. Both Jews and Arabs live in Jaffa, and that's reflected in the flavors of the neighborhood.

Visitors will find a luxury hotel, the Setai, built out of a Crusader fortress that was later a prison and police station. Trendy cafes, galleries, bars and boutiques line narrow streets, intersecting with Jaffa's well-known Arab hummus spots and bakeries, along with mosques, churches and synagogues.

In and around Jaffa's famous flea market, Shuk Hapishpeshim, are streets dotted with cafes. On one of my visits, I sat in an alley and munched on Shaffa Bar's shakshuka, poached eggs baked in tomato sauce, while chickens clucked on the roof of a building down the street. Cafe Puua has comfy, chic but mismatched furniture, and will sell you the plates you eat off (nearly everything is for sale). Its menu is packed with the vegetable dishes that Israeli cuisine is known for. After settling into a couch in the alley in front of the restaurant, I had a



In this Saturday, July 28, 2018 photo, a child plays next to a 100-year-old orange tree hanging above the ground in the old city of Jaffa, Israel.

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deconstructed sabich, a breakfast sandwich of fried eggplant and hard-boiled egg of Iraqi origin that's a popular Israeli street food. (Try a regular sabich too, at Sabich Hasharon, a small storefront in Tel Aviv that specializes in them.)

The market itself, surrounded by Yefet, Beit Eshel and Yehuda Margoza streets, is a paradise for those itching to debate trash versus treasure. Across several alleys, vendors spread wares on the ground and stack them in stalls. There are antiques, furniture, clothing, trinkets, coins. On Friday mornings and summer Tuesdays, a pop-up market of crafts and jewelry gets added to the mix. In the afternoon, a party erupts in the outdoor

bars.

But don't forget hummus. In Jaffa, you can't eat enough hummus, the chickpea puree that's a bedrock meal in Israel.

There's Ali Caravan's famous spot on HaDolphin Street, worth waiting on line for. Another crowded hummus disher is Ha'Asli on Yefet Street, cacophonous with families, workers and tourists, all seeking the platters of hummus, labne, kebab and salads delivered to tables minutes after ordering. You can watch the bakers at work at Abulafia, a popular bakery that stacks breads and other treasures in blue tile-lined glass cases by the sidewalk. Jaffa's food offerings also stretch beyond the Medi-

terranean. Inside Tash and Tasha's romantic, stone-walled interior are delicious dips, dumplings and breads from Georgia (the country, not the U.S. state). Milk, a coffee shop with limited seating, has expensive coffee and pretty pastries. Those interested in learning how to cook Arab food can also take a class with a local. Myasser Seri has for years been hosting tutorials in her small kitchen. She can put together a multi-course meal for your group to cook, or you can suggest dishes you'd like to try. Among the dishes we made were maqluba, a mound of rice or bulgur and vegetables inverted onto a plate; meatballs cooked in a sauce of tahini and yo-

gurt; the parsley-and-bulgur salad, tabbouleh; and the Arabic dessert knafe. Her version had thin shreds of pastry and nuts cooked in butter, sugar and lemon. Seri also introduced us to what she called the "Arabic Parmesan": yogurt that had been dried in the sun to a rock-hard lump. She grated the block into a powder whose sharp, savory tang did indeed recall Parmesan cheese and added it to a salad of fried eggplant and thin-chopped celery. Prices for her lessons vary per person according to group size.

One of Jaffa's most popular spots for tourists is the old port. Vessels have set sail here since ancient times; it's even mentioned in the Biblical story of Jonah, referred to as "Joppa," where Jonah embarked on the journey that led to his fateful encounter with a big fish — or, in some versions of the story, a whale. The port is still used by local fishermen but it also offers seafood restaurants, shops and entertainment.

There's plenty to eat and to buy in Jaffa. But one of the best things to do there is simply wander and take in the contrasts. Doors set in old stone walls are catnip for Instagrammers; turn the corner, and there's a block of modern apartment buildings. Galleries abound, but the streets create their own art. □



In this Saturday, July 28, 2018 photo, people dance in Akbar, a bar located in the flea market in Jaffa, Israel. Israel's port city of Jaffa is an ancient place.

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In this Saturday, July 21, 2018 photo, people enjoy the day in the port of Jaffa, Israel. Israel's port city of Jaffa is an ancient place.

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